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# **Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation To Direct Benefits for Valley Forge Invitational**

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (December 21, 2017) – The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation has partnered with the LPGA Symetra Tour’s Valley Forge Invitational at Raven’s Claw Golf Club and will direct proceeds to the beneficiaries of this new professional golf tournament.

The event, one of approximately 22 official qualifying tournaments for players aspiring to compete on the LPGA Tour, will be held on May 24, 25 and 26 of 2018. Pro-Am competition will take place on Wednesday, May 23; with practice rounds for competing players on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22. Final Symetra Tour schedule for 2018 will be announced soon.

The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation serves the people of Pottstown and residents in seven public school districts within a 10-mile radius around the Borough, providing opportunities for people in the community to enthusiastically embrace a healthier lifestyle. For that reason, the Foundation was deemed a perfect match for this dynamic, new, young women’s professional golf event.

“The Foundation is proud to be at the table to help bring this event, which will benefit local nonprofits, to our region,” Foundation President Dave Kraybill said. “We look forward to the possibilities it will bring to Western Montgomery County through funds raised.”

Three of the Foundation’s grantees will serve as beneficiaries of the Valley Forge Invitational — The TriCounty Community Network (TCN), which provides meaningful and sustainable partnerships to support community needs in the Greater Pottstown Area, and the YWCA Tri-County Area, an organization dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. The Pottstown School District, via the Foundation for Pottstown Education, will also

benefit from the event, partnering with the Montgomery County Community College to give young men and women the opportunity to earn college credits as high school students through its dual enrollment program.

The partnership with the Valley Forge Invitational aligns with the Foundation's mission to enhance the health and wellness of area residents, providing education, funding and programs that motivate people to adopt healthy lifestyles. Visit [www.pottstownfoundation.org](http://www.pottstownfoundation.org) to learn more.

“In addition to bringing top-level professional golf to the region, the goal of this event is to raise a considerable amount of money that can be distributed to worthy causes by the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation,” said Bob Davis, owner of Raven's Claw Golf Club. “We are launching an effort to bring together area golfers and members of the business community to support this event.”

The Symetra Tour stands as the gateway for players to the LPGA Tour. Every year since 2008 the top 10 players on the official Symetra Tour money list are awarded LPGA Tour membership. For the third straight year a minimum of \$3 million in prize money is available to players on the Symetra Tour.

*For more information about the Valley Forge Invitational and the LPGA's Symetra Tour, contact TL Golf Services at 610-279-9220.*