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ROONEY'S 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & POKER EVENT RAISES \$42,145 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

West Palm Beach, FL, December 20, 2011 – The 10th Annual Rooney's Golf Foundation Tournament held at PGA Resort on Oct. 27, 2011 had the largest turnout ever with 276 golfers. The golf event raised a total of \$37,000. In addition, a Poker Tournament was held Oct. 15 and that event brought in \$5,145. The benefitting charities were Autism Project of Palm Beach County, FAU Honors College, Pathways to Independence and Potentia Academy.

This year's honorary chair, Author James Patterson and his wife Susan were in attendance. Plus last year's chair and LPGA player, Michelle McGann also participated. Bill Dunn started the day off with a clinic and tips on improving your golf game. The official sponsors for the event were 1st United Bank and Preferred Air Conditioning & Mechanical, Inc. The tournament raffle featured over \$40,000 in prizes including trips, golf foursomes and more.

"Our goal was to make the 10th annual golf tournament the biggest and best and we were thrilled with the largest group ever. We sold out of foursomes at least 10 days prior to the event," said RGF Tournament Director, Alexis Barbish. "The success of this tournament is due to the dedication of our committee and volunteers and the generosity of our participants and sponsors," she added.

In conjunction with the golf event, the Rooney's Golf Foundation added a poker tournament to its fundraising efforts. Seventy-five poker players participated in the tournament on Sat., Oct. 15 at Palm Beach Kennel Club. Through buy-ins, re-buys and a silent auction, a total of \$5,145 was raised for the charities. The big winner won a World Series of Poker event seat.

The Rooney's Golf Foundation is now preparing for its 5th Annual 5k Run/Walk in Abacoa, Jupiter on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

Since 2001, Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated over **\$280,000** to local Palm Beach County charities.



Pictured:

1st Row – Jonathon Miller, Kyle Henderson, J. Duane Meeks, Dick Gordon, Patrick Rooney, Jr., Leo Quesnel, Wayne O’Bryon, Bill Dunn, Jon Buechele

2nd Row – Beverly Kelly, Diane Reeves, Theresa Hume, Alexis Barbish, Jessica Johnson, Sue Buechele, Renee Lampman

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