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### TUCSON PARKS FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Tucson Parks Foundation, a local non-profit organization, is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Founded in 1983, the organization was established to help raise funds to support the facilities and programs of the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated in excess of \$3 million to help fund playground structures, pool equipment and structures, programs and camping equipment for at risk youth, handicap friendly transportation, and artwork. From 1988 through 2004, the Tucson Parks Foundation hosted the Women's Professional Golf Tournament in Tucson, one of the longest running stops on the LPGA Tour.

“The Tucson Parks Foundation is excited to be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the past 30 years we have been dedicated to supporting and enhancing the work of the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department to enrich the recreational needs of Tucson’s children and families. We are proud to serve our community and would like to thank the local businesses and everyone who has donated to our organization in the past. It’s your support that makes all this possible,” says Cathy Morentin, President of the Tucson Parks Foundation.

For the past five years, the Foundation has conducted the Million Dollar Hole-In-One Contest at the Randolph Golf Complex, allowing us to fund five shade structures for playground equipment at local parks. The goal in funding the shade structures is to help fight childhood obesity, allowing comfortable use of the equipment for a greater portion of the year, while at the same time protecting children from sun related illnesses. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> shade structures are being constructed this summer. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Million Dollar Hole-In-One Contest is scheduled for March 2014.

For more information contact Cathy Morentin, President of the Tucson Parks Foundation at [CathyMorentin@Cox.net](mailto:CathyMorentin@Cox.net)

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