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Golfers Needed for Annual Higgins Classic Tournament

Prestigious Event Benefits the Athletes of Special Olympics New Jersey

LAWRENCEVILLE –Calling all golfers to participate in the prestigious 19th Annual Higgins Classic Golf Tournament, planned for June 1 at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club. The support of this tournament helps over 18,000 athletes of Special Olympics New Jersey.

The 2009 tournament features tips from the NJPGA. These pros will offer golf advice and many helpful hints to benefit every golfer. Also featured will be a silent auction and a raffle with items ranging from top course foursomes, dinner packages and other exciting prizes.

“This has always been a wonderful event in support of very special athletes. For the past eighteen years, this golf tournament has raised in excess of \$2 million for Special Olympics New Jersey. We hope that this year’s Higgins Classic will continue in the tradition of supporting the 18,000 New Jersey athletes eager to compete”, said J.C. Giordano III, Chairman of the 2009 Higgins Classic Golf Tournament.

The tournament will conclude with an evening reception that includes a wine tasting with guest speaker Chris Cree, the region’s Master of Wine and owner of 56 Degree Wine located in Bernardsville, New Jersey.

The Higgins Classic is named in memory of S. Michael Higgins, Executive Director of Special Olympics New Jersey from 1984 to 1995.

Tournament sponsors in this year’s event include: Bank of America, Continental Airlines, BASF, CR Bard, and Hollister Construction Service, LLC. Hole-In-One Car Sponsors are: Audi of Bernardsville/Mendham, Warnock Automotive, and Flemington Furs

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ABOUT SONJ: Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.