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Calgary Co-op 15th Annual Charity Golf Classic Raises Over \$300,000 for Local Charities

June 17, 2008, Calgary, Alberta – Calgary Co-op hosted its 15th annual charity golf classic on June 11th to raise funds for charities in the community. While the total funds raised are still being tallied, we anticipate the amount will be over \$300,000 this year. Since Calgary Co-op began hosting the tournament in 1993, this year's tally will push the total funds raised in the past 15 years to over \$3 million. This year, funds from this charity golf classic will go to the following charities:

- \$30,000 to the Calgary Public Library for the Calgary Co-op Summer Reading Program for children.
- \$25,000 to Calgary EMS Foundation for Project Smile. This program enables paramedics to provide a stuffed Medic Moose toy to children to help ease their fears and make treatment easier for paramedics.
- \$20,000 to the Children's Cottage Society for the food program for their crisis centre and nursery.

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- \$75,000 to the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation for its “Bring in the Clowns” therapeutic program, sponsored exclusively by Calgary Co-op. The clowns provide entertainment for children and their families during their stay in hospital.

- \$27,000 to the Kids Cancer Care Foundation for its “Camp Sunseeker” program. This program provides teens who have survived cancer with the opportunity to learn the ropes of life, gain knowledge, and build upon their skills.

- \$25,000 to the Ronald McDonald Foundation for its second annual Rock the House walk, run and roll for the Ronald McDonald House. Calgary Co-op is the presenting sponsor of this event.

Funds are also being provided to Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, YWCA Calgary, the Kerby Centre, and Enviros Wilderness School. Funds raised over the above commitments will be provided to other charities in the community.

“We are extremely excited about the results of this year’s tournament, and want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our generous sponsors and suppliers for their support of our tournament, says Donna Burn, Calgary Co-op’s vice president of member and public relations. “Despite Calgary’s booming economy, the demands on local charities for their services continue to grow. We are proud to be able to do our part to help people in need throughout the community.”

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Locally owned and operated, Calgary Co-op is one of the largest retail co-operatives in North America, with over 425,000 members, 4,000 employees, \$352 million in assets and annual sales of \$1 billion (including travel).

Calgary Co-op has 22 retail shopping centres, 22 pharmacies, 26 gas bars, 9 travel offices and 16 liquor stores located in Calgary, Airdrie, Strathmore, and Okotoks, Alberta.

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