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**Fifth annual golf outing ‘Tournament for PLAY’ raises $170,000**

**for Children’s Museum of Atlanta***Proceeds support Museum’s early childhood educational programming and community outreach*

**ATLANTA (August 29, 2017)** – Last week, 120 golfers hit the green for a good cause during **Children’s Museum of Atlanta’s** fifth annualgolf outing **Tournament for PLAY**,held on **Monday, August 21** at the prestigious Peachtree Golf Club. Presented by PNC, the event raised $170,000 through generous donations and golfer registration in support of the Museum’s early childhood educational programming and community outreach initiatives.

“Year after year we’re overcome by the generous support we receive from the golfers and our wonderful sponsors,” said Jane Turner, executive director of Children’s Museum of Atlanta. “With the funds raised through this tournament we’re able to continuously provide access to exhibits and opportunities that allow for underserved children to be immersed in a highly interactive learning environment outside of the classroom.”

Proceeds from the tournament directly impact more than 200,000 children and caregivers annually. Children’s Museum of Atlanta’s mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. Serving children, families and schools in Atlanta and throughout Georgia, the Museum has welcomed over 2.6 million visitors since opening in 2003. Since reopening in December 2015 following a massive renovation project, the Museum is further committed to serve the community as a world-class children’s museum and to continue to help ignite curiosity, imagination, problem-solving skills and a love of learning in the next generation of youth.

“We place a high value on our relationship with Children’s Museum of Atlanta and the opportunities it creates for the youth in our community,” said Eddie Meyers, PNC regional president for Georgia. “This event provides a fun and engaging way for public and private partners to come together to raise awareness and funding for quality early education programs.” PNC supports local pre-K programs through PNC Grow Up Great®, its $350 million school readiness initiative.

In addition to a charitable round of golf, players were treated to a special birdie breakfast presented by sponsor LexisNexis to kick off the day’s festivities. In honor of the eclipse, attendees were provided special eyewear by sponsor Georgia Eye Associates. The event wrapped up with a reception and awards ceremony to honor top players. Other event sponsors included Mellow Mushroom, Atlanta Consulting Group, Homrich Berg and Novare Group.

“We can’t thank our participants, sponsors and everyone involved enough for the incredible outing we had this year,” said Chair of Tournament Matt Bartelt, senior director, strategic marketing at Equifax, Inc.

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**About Children’s Museum of Atlanta:**

Children’s Museum of Atlanta is the only educational venue of its kind in Atlanta, presenting educational programs and exhibits designed for young children ages 0-9. The Museum’s mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. With six permanent learning zones consisting of bright, creative and hands-on exhibits, the Museum supports inventive play-based exploration and experiential learning focused on the whole child. Core competencies for literacy, math and science are promoted throughout all exhibits and programming in alignment with the state and national Core Performance Standards. Children’s Museum of Atlanta also offers parties, memberships, field trips, summer camp and private events.For more information or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit [childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

**Museum Admission:** General Admission is $15.95 (plus tax) for anyone 1 – 100 years old. Babies and members are admitted for free. All daily programs are included in price of admission. Group rates and military discounts are available. For more information regarding ticket and membership options, visit [childrensmuseumatlanta.org/plan-your-visit/faqs/](http://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/plan-your-visit/faqs/).

**Museum Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed on Wednesdays. Please check the Museum website to confirm hours of operation.

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