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## **13th Annual Critter Invitational Scores a Hole-in-One for the Dearborn Animal Shelter**

On Monday, June 12, the **Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter** (the **Friends**) held the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Critter Invitational at the Dearborn Country Club. The event benefits the animals that seek safe haven at the Dearborn Animal Shelter. This year's honorary chairman and emcee was FOX 2's Dan Miller, who was presented with a plaque at the event to thank him for participating and for "being a spokesperson for four-legged friends who cannot speak for themselves."

Golf chair Kathie Cude commented, "Thirteen was certainly a lucky number for the Friends – our 13th annual Critter Invitational will exceed our projected net income by 17%. Our success is due to the commitment of the volunteers, sponsors, and golfers. We'd like to thank everyone for participating."

Brian Tinney won the men's award for closest to the pin, while Mary Ann Wright won for the ladies. First-time sponsors VeriCorr Packaging landed an upset for the best team score, taking the top spot this year. The team was composed of Adriana Tinney, Brian Tinney, Ray Tonellie and Tom Picot.

Dinner and an auction followed the day of golf, and the **Friends** scored a birdie this year – auction revenues were up significantly from last year thanks to some spirited bidding. One highlight was the final bid of \$3,000 for the chance to view a Lions game from the broadcasting booth with Dan Miller and Jim Brandstatter, which went to Bob Putnam, co-owner of the Dearborn Agency.

The **Friends** would like to thank the event sponsors: Mary Ann Wright, Jack Demmer Automotive Group, Greektown Casino, Kodiak Equipment Company, Passageway Travel - Novi, Michigan, Century 21 Curran & Christie - Bob Curran, Adriana Avila Tinney and VeriCorr Packaging, Community Bank of Dearborn, Livernois Motorsports - Norma Wallis, The Dearborn Agency - Kathie Cude, Park Place Catering - Gary Kuhlmann, Bob Sayles, Boulton & Associates and Sam's Club (Southgate). Hearty thanks also go out to the flag and hole sponsors, along with all of the other donors, supporters, attendees, and volunteers. Without your contributions this event would not have been such a success.

The Dearborn Country Club has been reserved for June 11, 2007, for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Critter Invitational.

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The mission of the **Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter** is to provide loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions and reunions, and promote respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals.

Animals are the heart of our mission.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Digital photos of Dan Miller, participants, team shots and dinner photos are available. Please contact Tony Meyer for further details.

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