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To the Kind Supporters of the PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament,

The **8th Annual PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament** was a rousing success. In the past 6 years we have raised over \$185,000 for research into heart disease at the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease. Thank you for your generous support. We will continue to support the work of the Johns Hopkins Heart Institute in hopes of mitigating the pain and suffering that we have experienced.

The money that we raise will help to fund talented, young investigators to gain a better understanding of how to prevent sudden cardiac death and/ or premature heart disease. This support comes at a critical time in a junior researcher's career when funding is scarce. In the short term, this support helps to kick start their research, but in the long term, it fuels the engine of innovation in the medical field. The most recent recipient of the PJ Schafer Memorial Research Grant is Dr. Chiadi Ndumele, the sixth recipient of the PJ Schafer award. His research focuses on exploring novel cardiac proteins and molecular pathways that play a key role in heart attacks and the transition to heart failure. We hope, that by supporting the fight against heart disease, others will not have to suffer the same fate as PJ.

The **9th Annual PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament** is in full swing, and now, you have an opportunity to get involved with this year's tournament. This year our tournament proceeds will benefit the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease. The tournament will be held on **Thursday, June 14, 2012** at the **Compass Pointe Golf Courses**.

As always, we have two ways to sign up for the tournament. You can use the attached tournament brochure as you have in the past, or you can use the website at <http://www.pjschafer.com>. If you wish to be a sponsor, simply use the website or check off the sponsorship that you desire and return the sponsorship page (from the brochure) to us to ensure your recognition at this year's tournament. If you attended the tournament in 2011, check out the Photo Gallery button at the bottom of the web page at <http://www.pjschafer.com>.

In addition, if you are a golfer and want to participate in the tournament, please fill out the registration form or use the website to register. We would like to thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. All sponsorships and donations are sincerely appreciated. We look forward to your help in making the **PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament** an unqualified success in 2012!

Sincerely,

Paul & Vivian Schafer

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