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

The **14th Annual PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament** was a rousing success. In the past 11 years we have raised over \$325,000 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.

We also support The Children's Heart Program at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital. Utilizing a specialized team of pediatric cardiologists, surgeons, and cutting-edge diagnostic technology and intervention procedures, this program provides compassionate and comprehensive cardiac care for children from before birth through adulthood with focus not only on the individual patient, but on their family as well. We hope, that by supporting the fight against heart disease, others will not have to suffer the same fate as PJ. We have donated over \$90,000 to date, and look forward to working with them in the future.

Planning for the **15th Annual PJ Schafer Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 21, 2018** at the **Compass Pointe Golf Course** is in full swing. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved with this year's tournament, because after 14 years of phenomenally successful fundraising events, 2018 will be our last golf tournament. This year's tournament proceeds will benefit the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease and the Children's Heart Program at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital. We are working hard to make this last event the best one ever. Please consider participating or a sponsorship.

There are 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.

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 2018!

Sincerely,

*Paul & Vivian Schafer*

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