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2011 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN AND THE THUNDERBIRDS RAISE \$4,041,287 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Waste Management Phoenix Open hosts, The Thunderbirds, will distribute \$4,041,287 to local charities through proceeds raised from the 2011 tournament, Thunderbirds Big Chief Mike McQuaid announced today.

Since October 2003 when the tournament first brought on a title sponsor, The Thunderbirds and the Open have raised more than \$46.4 million for charities (\$46,400,023). In its history, dating back to 1932, the Phoenix Open has raised more than \$74.4 million for charities in Arizona.

“Given the cold weather challenges we had during the 2011 tournament, which held our total attendance numbers down, we are ecstatic to contribute more than \$4 million to local charities through proceeds raised from the Waste Management Phoenix Open,” said McQuaid. “We can’t thank the community and our sponsors enough for their outstanding support of this tournament. The Thunderbirds offer special thanks to Waste Management, Xerox, i/o, Avnet and hundreds of other companies for their unwavering support of the Open and our community.”

“Our commitment as title sponsor of the Phoenix Open solidifies our dedication to this partnership and further elevates our environmental efforts for the PGA TOUR as well as our employees and customers in the state of Arizona,” said Waste Management Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing David Aardsma.

The 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, known as “The Greatest Show on Grass,” will be held at the TPC Scottsdale from January 30th to February 5th, 2012. The Waste Management Phoenix Open is the best-attended golf tournament in the world and has gained legendary status for being the most unique stop on the PGA TOUR. The 2012 edition will mark the 77th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the third as the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 “active” members and more than 250 “life” members. For more information on the Thunderbirds or the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, call the Thunderbirds office at (602) 870-0163 or visit www.wmphoenixopen.com.