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Tiger Woods' British Open Flag to Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

Funds Raised will Benefit MountainStar Family Relief Nursery

BEND, Ore. – A flag from the 2006 British Open at Royal Liverpool bearing Tiger Woods' signature will be used to raise funds for MountainStar Family Relief Nursery. The flag was presented to MountainStar by local golf professional Bob Garza, who is Director of Instruction at Lost Tracks Golf Club. - Garza obtained the flag from Steve Williams, Woods' friend and long-time caddy.

According to Garza, "Steve Williams has a personal connection to Central Oregon, and he was happy to secure this very special flag for MountainStar, knowing that it would help prevent child abuse in our community."

"We have heard a lot of good suggestions for ways to help children with this extraordinary gift, including auctioning it to the highest bidder," says Kathy Murch, Board President for MountainStar Relief Nursery. "As you can imagine, this flag has generated a lot of interest in the local golf community. Our hope is that the flag will remain Central Oregon."

Ideas floated so far include:

- Using the flag as the championship trophy for an inter-club Birdies 4 Babies fundraising competition. The golf club that raises the most money for MountainStar through Birdies 4 Babies would "host" the flag for one year.
- Allowing individuals, golf clubs or businesses to bid for the privilege of hosting the flag for one year.
- Simply auctioning off the flag to the highest bidder.

Murch says that MountainStar is seeking suggestions from the community for creative ways to raise money with the flag. Ideas can be submitted via the organization's website, located at www.mountainstarfamily.org.

About MountainStar Family Relief Nursery

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery is the only program in Deschutes County that provides comprehensive services to prevent child abuse and neglect in at-risk families with children, ages six weeks to four years. We offer services free of charge to families facing major challenges when they most need help. The average family we serve has 16 risk factors for child

abuse/neglect, and the majority of our children exhibit social, intellectual, emotional and physical delays. Our Therapeutic Classroom provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can address their specific issues and delays. We provide parents with support, parent education, referrals for counseling, and transportation, food and clothing as needed. Our mission is keeping children safe, parents successful and families together.

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