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ASTROS GOLF FOUNDATION CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON HONORED CHARITABLE EFFORTS FROM THE 2021 HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE HOUSTON OPEN

HOUSTON, Texas – The **Astros Golf Foundation** held a celebratory luncheon to honor and recognizing all the charitable fundraising efforts of the **2021 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open**, the largest fundraising event supporting the Astros Foundation, on Wednesday afternoon at Union Station at Minute Maid Park.

“We are here today to celebrate a very successful 2021 Houston Open, said **Giles Kibbe, Astros Golf Foundation President**. This tournament is about **raising money for charity** and about **making an impact in the Houston community**. And today we are going to announce a lot of gift giving for charity, all a result of the 2021 Houston Open. We are also very appreciative of all our sponsors and community partners, so we really want to thank everyone for their support of the **Houston Open**.”

The charitable gift-giving of the event included the following –

- \$1 million dollars to the City of Houston, with \$500,000 of that going to the Memorial Park Conservancy.
- \$500,000 donation to First Tee of Houston
- The Astros Foundation were instrumental in a **\$250,000 gift to Covenant House** and a \$250,000 gift to **IEducate**.
- The Astros Foundation also announced a **\$500,000 gift to Texas Southern University Sports Management program**. The university will use these funds to host a sport management summer camp with our Astros Youth Academy participants. Most notably, this education grant will develop the **Enos Cabell Fellowship**, providing internships and co-op opportunities with the Astros, along with seeding the endowed **Milton Carroll Scholarships** to help recruit incoming freshmen into sports management majors.
- **The Birdies for Charity Program presented by THINK Neurology for Kids** was highlighted, as an impressive jump was made in 2021, with the **program raising \$634,279 for charities** around the **greater Houston area**, compared with \$75,000 in 2020.
- The **three-highest fundraising charities in the Birdies for Charity presented by THINK Neurology for Kids program** were recognized. The highest-fundraising charity was **Project Joy and Hope**, which raised \$120,634. The second-highest was **Addi's Faith Foundation**, which raised \$70,697 and the third-highest was **Bel Inizio**, raising \$60,336.
- Recognition was then given to the following charities that raised between **\$10,000-\$56,000 in the Birdies for Charity presented by THINK Neurology for Kids program**: Mesa-Outreach, Books for Development, Lone Star Golf Association, Texas Center for the Missing, Houston's Amber Alert and Silver Provider, BEAR...Be a Resource for CPS Kids, Home Place of Texas, RaiseUp Families, Grammy's Cookie Convoy, Inc., Boots for Troops, Prestige Learning Institute and Big Brother Big Sister.
- Community Leader **Cadence Bank** also received special recognition as they donated an extra \$25,000 on top of their \$1 million dollar commitment as a community leader to the Birdies for Charity presented by THINK Neurology for Kids program, selecting HomeAid Houston, Emancipation Park Conservancy, Compassion United, Coalition for the Homeless and Attack Poverty to receive \$5,000 each.

The **2022 Birdies for Charity Presented by THINK Neurology for Kids** program will **launch registration** beginning in **February**. The 2022 Houston Open is set for **Nov. 10-13** at **Memorial Park Golf Course**.

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