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Shawnee and United Way Partner on First Golf Tournament Early spring event with the pros will help golfers start the season off right

Shawnee-on-Delaware - Is your golf game ready for spring or does it need a warm-up?

Whether you are ready to hit the links like a professional or need a little help, mark Thursday, April 28, on your calendar. The United Way of Monroe County and Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort are partnering for their first golf tournament: *Swing Into Spring with the Pros.*

Besides being early in the season, this event is unique because it will offer expert advice from golf pros during an instructional clinic and a Q & A session. At selected holes, participants will also receive helpful tips on their technique from the specialists at Shawnee. The resort is celebrating 100 years of golf history this year, with legendary players like Arnold Palmer, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead and Jackie Gleason. Its renowned AW Tillinghast course has been the site of major championships and tournaments.

The optional clinic will start at 11:15 a.m., while the tournament tees-off at noon with a shotgun start. The format is a four-person scramble.

Players will enjoy a great day of golf and help the United Way's 2011 campaign at the same time. The registration fee is only \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a team of four. This includes free golf instruction, a box lunch, 18 challenging holes of golf, a dinner buffet, ShawneeCraft beer and contests/prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, including hole sponsorships at \$100, corporate foursome sponsorships at \$500, a Snead sponsorship of \$1,200 and a Tillinghast Sponsorship of \$2,500.

"With winter lasting so long, area golfers can't wait to get on the greens, and this is a perfect opportunity to do so," said Jay Voelker, golf sales manager at Shawnee. "We are

delighted to partner with the United Way and provide the donation of our course for what should be a fantastic day for all participants."

"The instruction from PGA professionals will help get the 2011 golf season off to a great start for participants," agreed Mathilda Sheptak, executive director of the United Way of Monroe County. "We thank all sponsors and players in advance for helping to support our community's health and human services through United Way."

Visit <u>www.unitedwaymonroe.org</u> to download a registration/sponsorship form or call 570-629-5657 for more information. Proceeds will benefit more than 30 local, nonprofit health/human service programs.

About United Way

The United Way of Monroe County provides health and human services through community initiatives and funding to 35 local programs. Its targeted need areas include Engaging Youth, Meeting Basic Needs, Helping Children Succeed and Promoting Self-Sufficiency. "Live United" is part of the United Way's mission of giving, advocating and volunteering to produce lasting changes in the community and advance the common good.

About Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort

The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, rich in breathtaking views, features 80 rooms in the historic Inn, 12 rooms in the Delaware Lodge, plus six suites and two cottages in Shawnee's luxury accommodation, the Legacy Collection. Shawnee's varieties of recreational facilities make it an ideal destination for any event. Choose from Shawnee's 27-hole championship island golf course, golf lessons at the Tillinghast Golf Academy, nine-hole lighted Tillinghast Approach Course, skiing at Shawnee Mountain, mountain biking, or hiking on the scenic Appalachian Mountain trails, canoeing, rafting, fishing, kayaking, indoor pool, fitness room, tennis, professional theater, and Spa Shawnee and Salon.

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