



VINCE GILL & AMY GRANT
GOLF CLASSIC

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**GRAMMY® AWARD WINNERS VINCE GILL, AMY GRANT AND PGA PRO FRED FUNK
HEADLINE BENEFIT EVENT FOR CHALLENGE ASPEN
AUGUST 2 AND 3, 2010**

Aspen, Colo. (April 12, 2010) - Music legends Vince Gill and Amy Grant, world renowned PGA Pro Fred Funk and Nancy C. & Richard R. Rogers are joining forces in Aspen/Snowmass again this summer to benefit Challenge Aspen, announcing the 7th Annual Vince Gill and Amy Grant Golf Classic to be held August 2 and 3. The annual gala evening event and golf tournament supports Challenge Aspen's mission of *making possibilities for people with disabilities*.

Grammy Award winners Vince Gill and Amy Grant will headline an evening complete with cocktails, live and silent auctions, dinner and an exclusive concert at Aspen Meadows Resort's beautiful Doerr-Hosier Center on Monday, August 2. On Tuesday, August 3, Gill and Grant will be joined by title sponsors Nancy and Richard Rogers and event co-host and golf legend Fred Funk as they hit the links of the Aspen Golf and Tennis Club, ranked #17 on *Golfweek Magazine's* "50 Best Municipal Courses for 2008-09." All proceeds benefit Challenge Aspen, providing year-round recreational, cultural and competitive experiences for anyone with a disability.

The comprehensive "Golfers' Deluxe" package includes golf with PGA Tour Pros and celebrity friends, two tickets to the Monday night gala, personalized instruction from PGA Tour Pros, VIP gift bags and complimentary food and beverages during all tournament functions. Cost is \$1,500 per player or \$6,000 per foursome.

Challenge Aspen will also be honoring a group of newly injured servicewomen recently home from Iraq. The group will be part of a new C.A.M.O. (*Challenge Aspen Military Opportunities*) retreat designed specifically for women and led by a team of professionals. The retreat will include both daily activities, such as rafting and equine therapy, and wellness and educational workshops, all in

a retreat-style setting. As a special treat for the women, they will be joined by Amy Grant for part of their retreat and will be special guests at the August 2nd Golf Classic gala.

For more information and online registration, visit www.challengeaspen.org/golf-tournament.cfm, or contact Challenge Aspen at 970-923-0578 ext. 205.

About Challenge Aspen

Since 1995, Challenge Aspen has provided adaptive recreational and cultural opportunities to thousands of individuals with disabilities from around the world. Based in Snowmass Village, Colorado, Challenge Aspen is an internationally established charitable organization. As a leader and innovator offering participants safe, expert instruction and the best competitive ski-racing and educational programs available in the world, Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with physical and cognitive disabilities. In addition, Challenge Aspen creates adaptive wilderness experiences and internationally recognized elite race training for veterans with disabilities. Critical partnerships with sponsors like Aspen Skiing Company, combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fundraisers, provide the funding necessary for Challenge Aspen to empower all participants through its outdoor and cultural experiences, regardless of financial status. For more information, visit www.challengeaspen.org.

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About Vince Gill and Amy Grant

Vince Gill has sold more than 26 million albums and earned 18 CMA Awards, including Entertainer of the Year in 1993 and 1994. He is a member of the Grand Ole Opry, with 20 Grammy® Awards to date (more than any male country music artist) and was inducted into the prestigious Country Music Hall of Fame in 2007. An avid golfer, Vince helped create the annual Vince Gill Pro-Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament ("The Vinny") in 1993 in order to help support junior golf programs throughout Tennessee.

Amy Grant earned her place as bestselling Christian music artist of all time, with over 30 million albums sold worldwide. She is best known for her Grammy® Award winning contemporary Christian and pop music, and recently received acclaim as a New York Times Best Selling author on her first try, *Mosaic: Pieces of My Life So Far*, which debuted at #25 on the New York Times Best Sellers List. As of 2007, Grant is a six-time Grammy® Award winner, 26-time Gospel Music Association Dove Award winner, a member of the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame and was honored in 2006 with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

About Fred Funk

Fred Funk is one of the most recognizable names and personalities in professional golf. He has both charmed and impressed galleries in a professional career spanning almost 20 years. Fred's career boasts many victories, including a 2005 victory at what most golfers deem the toughest playing field in professional golf, The Players Championship. Fred is also proud to have been a member of the 2003 and 2005 President's Cup, and the 2004 Ryder Cup. In addition, Fred is only the second player in PGA history to have won in both the regular and Senior PGA tours in the same year. Fred looks forward to continuing to play and remain competitive on both tours. Although he plays a very full schedule, he always finds time for charitable endeavors and speaking engagements.

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