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Vince Gill and Amy Grant Golf Classic July 30th and 31st, 2012

Aspen, Colo. (May 31, 2012) - Grammy® Award winners Vince Gill and Amy Grant, world renowned PGA Pro Fred Funk and the St. Regis Aspen are joining forces this summer to benefit Challenge Aspen, announcing the 9th Annual Vince Gill and Amy Grant Golf Classic to be held July 30th and 31st, 2012 at the St. Regis Aspen and Aspen Golf Club. The annual gala evening and golf tournament supports Challenge Aspen's mission of making possibilities for people with disabilities.

Vince and Amy will headline an evening complete with cocktails, live and silent auctions, dinner and an exclusive concert at the St. Regis Aspen on Monday, July 30th. On Tuesday, July 31st. They will be joined by event co-host and golf legend Fred Funk as they play the Aspen Golf Club, ranked 21st Best U.S. Municipal Golf Course by Golfweek Magazine for 2009-2010.

The Original golfer's package includes golf with PGA Tour Pros, celebrity friends and Challenge Aspen VIP disabled golfers, two tickets to the Monday night gala, personalized instruction from PGA Tour Pros, VIP gifts and complimentary food and beverages during all tournament functions. Cost is \$2,000 per player or \$8,000 per foursome. Individual gala seats are available for \$750. Please contact Challenge Aspen for additional registration opportunities.

Challenge Aspen will be honoring women of the military as special guests of Challenge Aspen Military Opportunities (C.A.M.O.). Also recognized: Title Sponsors Dr. Michael Morykwas and Christine Thornton; Presenting Sponsors Tom and Molly Bedell; Honorary Chairs Jack and Donna Brittingham and Tom and Wendy DiVenere; and Auction Chairs Pamela Ross and Ken Grabow.

For more information and online registration, visit www.challengeaspen.org/golf, or contact MJ Wolfe Faas at 970-923-0578 or mj@challengeaspen.org.

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 in the adaptive recreation world, Challenge Aspen offers participants safe, expert instruction in an encouraging and educational environment. Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with physical and cognitive disabilities and creates adaptive wilderness experiences 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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