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NEWS RELEASE

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EIGHTEEN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL FOLLOW ME CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC IN JACKSON

JACKSON, Tenn. (September 3, 2013) – Tournament chairs Jim Ferrell and Harold Nance along with Clarence Boone and James Ross will recognize 18 healthcare professionals during the opening ceremony of the **Third Annual Follow Me Celebrity Golf Classic** next week. Presented by the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (JMCAACC), the four-player scramble which raises funds for the chamber's Follow Me Into Business® youth development program will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Bent Tree Golf Course, 2993 Paul Coffman Drive in Jackson. Tee time is 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Jackson Energy Authority, West Tennessee Healthcare, Lane College, University of Tennessee Martin along with WOJG-FM, the *West Tennessee Examiner*, the *Jackson Sun* and Jonah Affordable Housing Org., the tournament falls on the day before national 9/11 commemorations. The diverse list of healthcare professionals include **Dr. Adey Agbetoyin, MD; Mandy Brasfield, NP; Dr. Louis Cunningham, MD; Dr. Vernessa Davis-Tharpe, MD; dietician Dr. Amy Elizer, EdD, county director for University of Tennessee Extension Service; Dr. Clarence Gooch, MD; Dr. Greg Huff, MD; Dr. Keith Micetich, MD; Tina Prescott, RN/Chief Nursing Officer for West Tennessee Healthcare; Dr. Joe Rowland, MD; Dr. Clyde Smith, MD; Dr. Lance Spalding, MD; Dr. Lowell Stonecipher, MD; Dr. Henry West, MD; Donna Wallis, NP; Dr. Lane Williams, MD; Annette Wilson, Coordinated School Health administrator for Jackson Madison County School System; and Kathy Woolfork, diabetes educator for West Tennessee Healthcare.**

“We started out recognizing first responders at last year’s tournament because it was on Sept. 11th,” explains Clarence Boone, JMCAACC president and owner of D & L Grocery and Catering. “We decided to continue that focus by recognizing healthcare professionals in order to thank them for their dedication to our welfare and acknowledge the important role they play in the health and well-being of the community in times of emergency and on a daily basis.”

Mr. Boone will be assisted by James Ross, chief operating officer for West Tennessee Healthcare, in recognizing the healthcare celebrities. Registration opens at 11 a.m. and the opening ceremony begins at 12:30. The tournament was previously known as the Celebrity Golf Classic. The big prize for this year’s event is a \$10,000 cash prize for a hole in one. Non-golfers will be able to participate in a Golf Ball Drop Contest with a \$250 cash prize for a cost of \$5 donation per ball in the contest; and, you do not have to be present to win. Registration is \$75 per person and walk-ups are welcome. The registration fee includes lunch, cart, free range balls, goodie bag and door prizes. For more information, send an email to aachamber731@yahoo.com or call 731-424-2030.

Tournament Co-Chairs

Co-chairs Jim Ferrell, president and CEO of Jackson Energy Authority, and Harold Nance, executive director of Jonah Affordable Housing Org. (JAHO), have been working to recruit teams for the tournament.

Jim Ferrell is a native Jacksonian who graduated from Jackson-Central-Merry High. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and later earned an MBA from UTM. Jim has spent his entire professional career at Jackson Energy Authority, starting in 1986 as a co-operative engineering student during his college years. During his career at JEA, he has promoted to various managerial positions, including Vice President of Operations, Senior Vice President of the Electric Division, and Chief Operating Officer. He currently serves as JEA's President & CEO as well as President of The Tennergy Corporation. Jim is a registered professional engineer in Tennessee and a Water/Wastewater Plant Certified Operator.

Jim serves on the Board of Directors of The Venale Corporation, the Tennergy Corporation and the Western District Energy Corporation. He also serves on the Board of the West Tennessee Industrial Association and the Jackson Downtown Development Council. He is a member of various industry-related committees of the American Public Power Association, the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, and the Western District Managers Association. He also serves on the Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse Board. He and his wife, Jennifer, enjoy attending soccer, horseback riding and band activities with their three children, Anna, Seaton and Carter.

Born in Maury City, Tenn., Harold Nance is a graduate of Central High School Alamo and attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and Washington University in St. Louis. He spent a 32-year career with Southwestern Bell, beginning as an account executive in 1968 in St. Louis until his retirement as Vice-President of Sales in Houston in 2000. He also worked as a sales manager in Tulsa and then in Dallas as Director of Marketing and VP of Marketing/General Manager for SW Bell Mobile System and Director of Staff Operations for Southwestern Bell.

Harold became executive director of JAHO in 2011 and previously served as board president for seven years, 2003-2011. President of the Alamo Central High School Alumni Association, he is a board member of WestStar and the West Tennessee Regional Arts Council. He is a past president and treasurer of the Crockett County Chamber of Commerce. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Harold is a member of New First Baptist Church in Maury City where he also serves as a deacon and trustee. He and his wife Carolyn have three children, Denise, Donald and Lawrence.

Youth Development Program

The contest was formerly known as the Celebrity Golf Classic was restyled this year to identify even more full with the Chamber's Follow Me into Business® youth development program. Golfers from the Greater Jackson area and across the state of Tennessee are invited to participate. Teams from AT&T, Bancorp South, City of Jackson, First Bank, Gibson Electric, Manufacturers Industrial Group in Lexington, Raymond James, Regional Hospital of Jackson, State Farm Brownsville, and West Tennessee Healthcare are among those playing the tournament.

The Follow Me program was founded in 2002 to provide young people, 12-18, with job training skills and business basics training as well as mentoring, employment and community involvement opportunities. The year-round program also includes an 8-week Summer Program held in conjunction with T.R. White Sportsplex. This summer, the chamber was able to provide 10 paid jobs for 15-18 year olds in conjunction with a funding grant from the City of Jackson. Sixteen youngsters in the 12-14 year-old group learned to dress for success, heard from guest speakers and visited chamber member business locations as part of the mentoring and shadowing component. They earned stipends of \$35 for completing all 8-weeks of the summer program. The older job-ready students worked 20 hours a week for four weeks.

The Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce is a 501(3)c nonprofit organization which was founded in 1999. The office is located at 351-C North Royal in Jackson, Tennessee. Florence Howard is executive director and Mary Cunningham is office manager. ###

ADDENDUM - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

2013 FOLLOW ME CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS

AWARDS AND PRIZES

GOLF BALL DROP WINNER
LONGEST DRIVE WINNER
CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS

#4
#8
#11
#14
#17

TED AUSTIN
JACKIE BONDS

BOBBY HART
JEFF BRASFIELD
SAM JOINER
BART SWIFT
JAMES WILLIAMS

FLIGHT #1
CHAMPION
2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE

LEE S. BERRY STATE FARM
JEA #2 (JIM FERRELL)
CITY OF JACKSON

FLIGHT #2
1ST PLACE
2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE

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AT&T
RAYMOND JAMES