Walt Disney World Resort's Magnolia and Palm golf courses host the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, including the Wine & Dine Walk, which benefits Children's Miracle Network H

W ithin months of opening its theme-park gates in the fall of

After 40 consecutive years, this world-class event continues to draw golf's best and brightest players to

Historically, the tournament has served a dual purpose — showcasing professional golfers as they vie fo

Network Hospitals is the title sponsor of the tournament, which will take place Oct. 17 through Oct. 23.

CMNH supports a network of 170 children's hospitals throughout the country with funds raised at events

To date, the nonprofit organization — cofounded by Marie Osmond and her family, John Schneider, Mic

In conjunction with the tournament, CMNH holds an annual celebration, where all 170
member hospitals and their sponsors, as well as 50 miracle children representing each state, come toge

"You can't help but be inspired by some of these kids," said Kevin Weickel, tournament chairman and he

Appropriately, a designated miracle child ambassador will officially start the tournament on Saturday by

"We like to say that this child represents all of the kids in America who have 'made the cut' by benefiting

Ticket prices are purposely kept low to attract as many people as possible to the seven-day event. One-

“We want to remove any barriers people may have to coming to the event,” Weickel said.

The Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Classic will be played on Disney’s two PGA-sanctioned course
— and the tournament will be televised on the Golf Channel. Though cameras and video cameras are n

Since the tournament is the final event on the PGA schedule, it holds great significance to the field of 12

tournament, since they have the opportunity to pair with two different professionals during the Pro/Am ro

“This is a great way for amateur golfers to interact with the professionals and gain valuable tips,” Weicke

In an effort to encourage families to attend, tournament organizers have designated kid zones on holes

Food and beverages go hand-in-hand with most sporting events; however, generally, selections are limi

“Even if you don’t know anything about golf, come out and have a great lunch,” Weickel said.

Weekends can be sacred to football fanatics, so organizers have arranged for an on-site Jumbotron to b

Golf courses are frequently referred to as outdoor conference rooms, where business deals are struck, p

Companies can take advantage of hospitality packages, which grant them access to CMNH’s hospitality

CMNH and Disney Golf also are reaching out to other charitable organizations by extending a ticket-sale

“It is more important to have as many people as possible attend the event, so they can find out about CM

“We are putting on a show for Central Florida and encouraging folks to come out. For an incredibly reaso

For more information about the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, visit www.childrenshospitalsclassic.com