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**2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship  
Announces \$840,000 in Charitable Giving**

**AKRON, Ohio** – With combined proceeds from the 2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and the Ambassador of Golf Event presented by FirstEnergy Foundation, \$840,000 was raised for Northeast Ohio charities. The 2021 donation is the largest annual charitable total generated through the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, with total giving eclipsing \$30 million last year from professional golf tournaments at Firestone Country Club since 1984. These donations go to worthy causes throughout the region.

“We are excited that this year’s charitable funds will make a meaningful impact in Northeast Ohio,” said Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Don Padgett III. “Thank you to Bridgestone, Westfield, FirstEnergy Foundation, and all our supporters for their efforts in making this generous donation become a reality. Additionally, we appreciate our Northern Ohio Golf Charities volunteers, and, as always, our loyal and passionate fans.”

Charities supported include:

Akron Children's Hospital  
Akron Police Department  
Akron Symphony Orchestra  
Akron Urban League  
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank  
Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Ohio  
Chair-ity Inc.  
CHC Addition Services  
Clearview Legacy Foundation  
Cleveland Clinic Akron General  
Downtown Akron Kiwanis Foundation  
Empower Sports  
First Tee of Canton  
First Tee of Cleveland  
First Tee of Greater Akron  
Grace House Akron

LeBron James Family Foundation  
Merrick House  
Newbridge Place  
Northern Ohio Golf Charities  
Pegasus Farms  
Pregnancy Solutions  
Safe Harbor Norton  
Safety Forces Support Center  
Summa Health  
Tarry House, Inc.  
The Akron Fire Department  
The Final Farewell Project  
The Well CDC  
Tiretown Golf Club  
Truly Reaching You, Inc.  
United Way Summit Medina  
University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital  
Wentz Family Foundation  
Youth Challenge

“The impact made annually by the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship helps ensure that our local community continues to be a great place to live, work and play,” said Paolo Ferrari, president and chief executive officer, Bridgestone Americas. “These increased charitable contributions will support our front-line workers and provide critical resources for families and children in a time of great need, and Bridgestone is extremely proud to help make that possible through this tournament.”

Steve Stricker is the defending champion of the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and this year’s tournament will be played July 6 -10, 2022. For more information on the 2022 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, please visit [BridgestoneSeniorPlayers.com](https://www.BridgestoneSeniorPlayers.com).

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#### **ABOUT THE BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS is one of five major championships contested annually on PGA TOUR Champions for eligible professionals age 50 and over. The 2022 tournament will be held the week of July 6-10 and will continue professional golf’s 69-year tradition at Firestone Country Club. This tournament started in 1983 at the Canterbury Golf Club. A field of 78 professionals will compete for one of the most prestigious Champions Tour titles and an exemption into 2023 PLAYERS Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

### **ABOUT PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS**

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 33 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at [PGATOUR.com](http://PGATOUR.com), at [facebook.com/PGATOURChampions](https://facebook.com/PGATOURChampions), on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

### **ABOUT BRIDGESTONE**

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### **ABOUT BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS, INC.**

Nashville, Tennessee-based Bridgestone Americas, Inc. (BSAM) is the U.S. subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation, the world's largest tire and rubber company. BSAM and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market a wide range of Bridgestone, Firestone and associate brand tires to address the needs of a broad range of customers, including consumers, automotive and commercial vehicle original equipment manufacturers, and those in the agricultural, forestry and mining industries. BSAM also is engaged in retreading operations throughout the Western Hemisphere and produces air springs, roofing materials and industrial fibers and textiles. BSAM also operates the world's largest chain of automotive tire and service centers. Guided by its global corporate social responsibility commitment, Our Way to Serve, the company is dedicated to improving the way people live, work, move and play in all of the communities it calls home.

### **NORTHERN OHIO GOLF CHARITIES**

Northern Ohio Golf Charities and Foundation is the volunteer organization that has helped conduct professional golf tournaments at Firestone Country Club for 65 years through a dedicated, camaraderie-driven volunteer force who support tournament operations, raise funds for northern Ohio charities and recognize golf legends through the Ambassador of Golf program. [www.nogcf.org](http://www.nogcf.org)