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Junior Golf Course Committee secures donation from Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation

On Tuesday, December 3rd the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation announced their decision to become a partner in the Tom Watson Junior Golf Course at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. This partnership will provide the Junior Golf Course Committee at Mozingo Lake with discounted resources for course construction to include course construction contractors, irrigation design specialists, irrigation control companies, computer software technologies and many other golf industry partners with discounted fees. In addition, The Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation will be providing a gift of \$250,000 toward the construction of the Tom Watson Junior Golf Course as a part of its Links Across America initiative.

The Wadsworth Foundation initiative, "Links Across America" was established to create feeder short courses to provide the opportunity to get young people, families, adult beginners and individuals with disabilities from all ethnic and economic backgrounds playing the game of golf. Links Across America was designed to replicate the model that Andrew Carnegie applied to the establishment of libraries. Carnegie believed that literacy was essential to a strong nation and he built libraries throughout the United States. In a sense, Golf Courses are an important classroom, especially for our young people.

This significant contribution moves the Tom Watson Junior Course Committee one step closer to the established goal of \$521,000, which is the estimated cost of construction of the Junior Course at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. This donation, along with local charitable contributions has brought the total raised at this point to approximately \$415,000. The Junior Course Committee is optimistic that course construction may begin as early as 2014 with a projected completion sometime in 2015.

Tom Watson's unique design of the Junior Course at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park will include 9 holes with a course length of approximately 1600 yards. The course routing will include a variety of par 3's, 4's and 5's. In addition, The Watson Design Group has included a short-game pitch and putt practice area within the confines of the course. The Junior Course will be located on a tract of land just north of the Mozingo Golf Course Club house and east of hole #10.

Additional interested parties may participate by sending their tax-deductible donation to:

**Nodaway County Economic Development
The Junior Course at Mozingo Lake
423 North Market
Maryville, Missouri 64468**

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