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## FOUNDER OF PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING HUFFINGTON POST, ARIANNA HUFFINGTON, AND WORLD-RENOWNED CHEF MING TSAI TO HEADLINE 2014 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN'S DAY

**HARTFORD, Conn., May 9, 2014** – The Travelers Championship today announced that one of the world's most influential women, Arianna Huffington, and celebrity chef Ming Tsai will serve as featured speakers for the 2014 Women's Day Breakfast on Thursday, June 19, at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. The sixth annual Women's Day, sponsored by Travelers, benefits the charities of the Travelers Championship, including The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, which serves children suffering from serious illnesses.

This year's event will begin with a networking breakfast at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m., Ming Tsai returns by popular demand to provide an interactive cooking demonstration on some of his popular East-West dishes for attendees. Arianna Huffington will follow, speaking about her life and new book, "Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating a Life of Well Being, Wisdom, and Wonder," published by Crown.

For all women attending the tournament on Women's Day, there will be tours of the Golf Channel studio, preferred bleacher seating, 10 percent off at the official merchandise tent, a golf clinic at the tournament's practice facility, and tours of the golf course, where a TPC River Highlands professional will show the best places to watch the tournament.

Ming Tsai is the James Beard Award-winning chef/owner of two restaurants - Blue Ginger and Blue Dragon. Also an Emmy Award winner, Ming hosts PBS-TV's "Simply Ming," now in its 11th season. Ming is the author of five cookbooks, including his latest "Simply Ming In Your Kitchen." In 2012, Ming was invited by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to represent the U.S. with the Diplomatic Culinary Partnership Initiative/American Chef Corps. The Chef Corps is a network of American chefs that participate with official government programs that use food as a foundation for international diplomacy efforts. Ming is a national spokesperson for the Food Allergy Research and Education Association (FARE) . Ming also worked with the Massachusetts Legislature to help write Bill S. 2701 that requires local restaurants to comply with food allergy awareness guidelines. A member of the Harvard School of Public Health's Nutrition Round Table, Ming also supports many charities including Family Reach Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cam Neely Foundation, and Greater Boston Food Bank.

Arianna Huffington is the chair, president, and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, a nationally syndicated columnist, and author of 14 books. In May 2005, she launched The Huffington Post, a news and blog site that quickly became one of the most widely read, linked to, and frequently cited media brands on the Internet. In 2012, the site won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. In 2013, she was named to the Forbes Most Powerful Women list. In 2006, and again in 2011, she was named to the *Time* 100, *Time Magazine's* list of the world's 100 most influential people.





Originally from Greece, she moved to England when she was 16 and graduated from Cambridge University with an M.A. in economics. At 21, she became president of the famed debating society, the Cambridge Union.

"The Travelers Championship prides itself on hosting special events throughout tournament week that are made for golf fans and general spectators alike," said Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "Women's Day offers a unique opportunity to bring together women from various backgrounds to experience the tournament through an event that's customized for them."

Travelers is once again the presenting sponsor for Women's Day. Hartford Business Journal, Hartford HealthCare, Red Thread and Lux Bond & Green, Inc. will serve as Event Partners. On-site partners include University of Saint Joseph, Women's Health Connecticut and Center for Advanced Reproductive Services.

Tickets for the Women's Day Breakfast, which are \$65 and include a general admission ticket to the tournament, are available now at <u>www.TravelersChampionship.com</u>. This year's Travelers Championship field already includes top players such as Bubba Watson, Dustin Johnson, Matt Kuchar, Jason Day, Brandt Snedeker, Hunter Mahan, and reigning champion Ken Duke. Tickets for the Travelers Championship, which will take place from June 16 to 22 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn., are on sale now at <u>www.TravelersChampionship.com</u>.

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## About the Travelers Championship

As the only PGA TOUR event in the Northeast in early summer, the Travelers Championship is one of the region's premier sporting events. The tournament proudly supports the PGA TOUR's Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100 percent of net proceeds to charities. The title sponsor of the event is Travelers, a leading provider of property casualty insurance for home, auto and business. Travelers has been doing business in the community for more than 150 years and today has more than 7,000 employees in Connecticut. The Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR, Travelers has been a corporate sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952, becoming title sponsor in 2007. Complete details are available on www.TravelersChampionship.com.



