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## 2018 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP GENERATES \$2 MILLION FOR CHARITY

**HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 27, 2018** – The Travelers Championship today announced that the 2018 tournament generated \$2 million for more than 150 local charities throughout the region. This marks the largest amount for charity generated in the tournament's history, and includes a \$200,000 contribution from three-time Travelers Championship winner and 2018 champion Bubba Watson.

Charity representatives joined officials from Travelers and the tournament at The Society Room of Hartford for the annual Travelers Championship Charity Celebration, where funds were distributed to each organization.

"This is always a special day because it signifies the hard work everyone puts into the tournament," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "Through the support we receive from volunteers, fans, players and businesses, we're able to help charitable groups across the region make the community a better place."

This year's effort brings the total amount generated for charity by the tournament to more than \$16.7 million since Travelers became title sponsor in 2007. At least 750 charities have benefited over that time. Since the tournament's debut in 1952, more than \$40 million has been distributed to local charities.

"Reaching the \$2 million mark is an important milestone, and it will have such a meaningful impact on so many local organizations," said Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Travelers. "Bubba's generosity mirrors our charity-first approach, and follows a similar sentiment that runs through the PGA TOUR and many of its players."

Watson, who became just the second player to win the Travelers Championship more than twice – he also won in 2010 and 2015 – is representing the United States this week at the Ryder Cup in France. He recorded a video message that was played during the Charity Celebration.

"Wish I could be there. I just want to say thank you to Travelers for their hard work and their dedication to the community and all the charity dollars they've raised over the years," Watson said. "Especially this year; \$2 million dollars, what an achievement."

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp was the primary beneficiary of this year's tournament, with three campers also serving as honorary co-chairs. Watson directed his \$200,000 donation to Camp, which is naming the trading post at the Travelers Mini Golf Course on its campus in Ashford, Connecticut, as "Bubba Watson's Trading Post," in recognition of the 12-time PGA TOUR winner.

The tournament donates 100 percent of its net proceeds to charity, and preparation has already started for the 2019 Travelers Championship, which will be held June 17-23 at TPC River Highlands. For more information, visit [www.TravelersChampionship.com](http://www.TravelersChampionship.com).

**About the Travelers Championship**

The Travelers Championship, held in Cromwell, Connecticut, is one of the premier events on the PGA TOUR and part of the FedExCup series. Named by the PGA TOUR as the 2017 "Tournament of the Year," the Travelers Championship proudly supports the TOUR's Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100 percent of net proceeds to charities. Travelers, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance for [home](#), [auto](#) and [business](#), is the Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR. The company became the tournament's title sponsor in 2007. Travelers has been doing business in the Hartford community for more than 160 years and has been a corporate sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952. Complete details are available at [www.TravelersChampionship.com](http://www.TravelersChampionship.com).

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