## Meijer LPGA Classic Culminates in \$850,000 Donation to Local Food Pantries

We are proud to announce the success of this year's <u>Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give</u> in its mission of raising funds and awareness to help end food insecurity across the communities we serve. Our third annual LPGA tournament came to a close with an \$850,000 donation to the <u>Simply Give</u> program that has been restocking the shelves of local food pantries since 2008.

South Korean LPGA Professional Sei Young Kim took home the trophy at our third annual **LPGA Tour** event, which took place at Blythefield Country Club June 14-19, but the real winners are the families who will benefit from the donation.

The tournament and its support of the *Simply Give* program was more successful than ever this year thanks to the incredible support of local community members who not only attended the week of festivities surrounding the tournament week, but also purchased donation cards at their local Meijer supercenters.

"The difference all of this support has made is tremendous because this week was about more than just golf. It was an opportunity for the entire community to enjoy great athletic competition while supporting a very important cause – feeding the hungry," Meijer Co-Chairman **Doug Meijer** said.

Our three tournaments have generated more than \$2.1 million for the Meijer *Simply Give* program. This year's \$850,000 donation will be divided among more than 200 of our food pantry partners that participated in the spring *Simply Give* campaign.

"The Meijer Simply Give program is extremely important to our food pantry because it helps us to provide healthy and nutritious food to our neighbors," said **Waverly Knight**, a director of the **Northwest Food Pantry**. "Without the program, our food pantry shelves would be very empty. We thank Meijer for their willingness to have the *Simply Give* program and the community for their support in helping feed those in need."

Since its inception in November 2008, the *Simply Give* program has generated nearly \$22 million for our food pantry partners.

For more information on the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, please visit Meijer LPGA Classic.com.

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