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Els for Autism Foundation® to host Ernie Els #GameOn Autism® Golf International Golf Tournament in Five Countries

Jupiter, FL (July 8, 2022) – Beginning July 11 through July 13, five official program provider (OPP) sites including the United States, Canada, South Africa, United Kingdom and Ireland will join together in hosting four individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other related disabilities to play three holes of golf. This competition will showcase skills learned through the Ernie Els #GameOn Autism Golf curriculum. The program is designed specifically to target social communication benefits to individuals with ASD while teaching the fundamentals of the sport.

Four players representing the following five organizations will participate in play:

Canada: [Autism Okanagan](#)

Ireland: [Munster Technological University/UNESCO Chair](#)

South Africa: [Els for Autism South Africa](#)

United Kingdom: [The Golf Trust](#)

United States: [Els for Autism Foundation](#)

Ernie Els #GameOn Autism®

[The Ernie Els #GameOn Autism® Golf curriculum](#) embeds evidence-based practices for teaching golf to individuals with ASD. Players in the program learn traditional golf skills and etiquette while also developing specific autism learning concepts, which include growth areas in communication, emotional regulation, as well as motor and social skills. The goal of the program is for participants to achieve their individual golf successes while also building confidence and self-esteem in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment.

Els for Autism has a global reach with offices in U.S., Canada, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Website: www.elsforautism.org

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Els for Autism Foundation®

The Els for Autism Foundation was established in 2009 by World of Golf Hall of Famer Ernie Els, his wife Liezl, and board chairman Marvin R. Shanken. The Els' son Ben was diagnosed with autism at the age of 5. The Foundation's overarching mission is to help people on the autism spectrum fulfil their potential to lead positive, productive and rewarding lives. Els for Autism has offices in the U.S., Canada, South Africa, and the UK. To help fulfil its mission, Els for Autism is building a state-of-the-art Center of Excellence in Jupiter, FL, with a local, national and global reach.

The Els Center of Excellence®

The Els Center of Excellence is a world-class facility hosting leading-edge programs and services for people on the autism spectrum and their families. The campus contains thoughtfully planned spaces designed to meet the specific needs of individuals with autism—from a possible early diagnosis, to their school-aged years, and throughout adulthood. The Center hosts two, non-profit, tuition-free Palm Beach County charter schools that serve students with autism using evidence-based practices. The Rupert Education Wing hosts The Learning Center at The Els Center of Excellence, serving students with autism ages 3-14 (thelearningcenter.org) and the Shanken Education Wing hosts The Learning Academy at The Els Center of Excellence, serving students with autism ages 14-21 (tlacad.org).

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