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MARK CHRISTOPHER CHARITY CLASSIC
ADDS NEW EVENT IN 2006
THE ERIC DICKERSON CELEBRITY CHALLENGE
PRESENTED BY MILLNET STEEL

***Barry Sanders, George Foreman, Marcus Allen, Kenny G.
Expected to Compete***

RANCHO CUCAMONGA – In keeping with their innovative and inclusive fashion, officials of the Mark Christopher Charity Classic announced the addition of a new event to the 2006 official tournament slate – the Eric Dickerson Celebrity Challenge Presented by Millnet Steel.

Hosted by NFL Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson, the event will feature 36 sports legends and entertainment stars teeing off with amateurs at the Nationwide Tour event's home course, Empire Lakes Golf Course, on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Tournament Director Cathy Allan said that along with tournament host Dickerson, those expected to compete include former NFL All-Pro Marcus Allen, Anthony Munoz, Barry Sanders, Terrell Davis, Christian Okoye and MLB Ray Lansford, former heavyweight champion and celebrity pitchman George Foreman, and musician Kenny G.

Those celebrities and others who will be announced later will compete for a \$20,000 purse. Tickets will go on sale for this event in August for \$15 for adults. Children 17 and under are free with a paid adult.

The Mark Christopher Charity Classic is a 72-hole Nationwide Tour event that sports a \$500,000 purse, a \$25,000 increase from 2005. For the fourth straight year, the tournament will be televised by The Golf Channel.

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CELEBRITY CHALLENGE**

Tickets and sponsorships to the 2006 Mark Christopher Charity Classic, which is Oct 2-8 at Empire Lakes Golf Club, are available by calling (909) 948-5565 or by E-mail at mccclassic@aol.com.

About Mark Christopher Auto Center

In 2004, the Mark Christopher Auto Center was the No. 1 Hummer dealer in the nation and the No. 4 Chevrolet dealer in California as ranked by sales. The Center has won the Jack Smith Leadership Award for four straight years, emblematic of superior Parts and Service performance among Chevrolet dealers.

For more information about Mark Christopher Auto Center, please see www.markchristopher.com.

About Empire Lakes Golf Club

Set among the surrounding San Gabriel Mountains in Rancho Cucamonga, with vineyards and lakes framing several holes, the Arnold Palmer-designed Empire Lakes Golf Club opened in 1996 and nearly immediately, vaulted to elite status among Inland Empire public courses. The 18-hole championship course is owned and operated by Oak Creek Golf Ranch Golf Club Inc., which purchased the club from General Dynamics Properties in February 2004.

In 2000, Empire Lakes became the host course to what is now the Mark Christopher Charity Classic. In 2004, the tournament boasted two holes (No. 6 and 12) rank among the most difficult 20 holes on the Nationwide Tour.

For more information on Empire Lakes, please see www.empirelakes.com.

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