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REALTOR-SPONSORED GOLF TOURNEY GIVES \$40,000 TO LOCAL CHARITIES -
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COLUMBIA, Mo. – The Plaza Cup Golf Tournament completed last week raised over \$40,000 for three local charities: Boys and Girls Town of Missouri; the Cancer Research Center; and Comprehensive Human Services Inc., the Shelter.

Just one of the many charitable activities in which members of the Columbia Board of REALTORS® participate, the golf tournament features fierce, head-to-head competition between two 22-woman teams from the Columbia Country Club and the Country Club of Missouri.

The tournament is sponsored by Plaza Real Estate Services in Columbia and this year collected \$41,108 in pledges, surpassing its goal of \$40,000. The annual event has contributed more than \$197,000 to charities since its inception nine years ago.

“That one event provides a third of our individual contributions for the year; it keeps us operating,” said Leigh Voltmer, executive director of Comprehensive Human Services Inc., The Shelter. “Not only is it important to us, it is imperative to offering the kinds of services we provide to women, children and men.”

This year’s score was very close, with the team from Columbia Country Club winning the event with 199.5 points, only three points better than the Country Club of Missouri team. Teams are awarded one point for winning a hole, 0 for losing it and half a point for a tie. Denny Douglas, owner of Plaza Real Estate Services, said there have been two ties in the nine years of the event.

“It has become quite a contest between the two country clubs over the years,” Douglas said, adding that he is getting ready to start organizing next year’s tournament. “It is very time-consuming, but very rewarding too. It is a fun way to put something back into the community, which is the real purpose for the event.”

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