

**8th Annual Doug Flutie, Jr. Celebrity Golf Classic
Presented by
Sun Life Financial Raises Over \$250,000 for
Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism**

Boston, Massachusetts, June 2007— Doug Flutie recently got into the swing of summer helping to raise \$268,415 at the 8th annual Doug Flutie, Jr. Celebrity Golf Classic presented by Sun Life Financial. Nearly 300 golfers hit the links at Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth to raise money for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, a charity that Flutie and his wife, Laurie, established in honor of their son Doug, Jr., who was diagnosed with autism at age three. The money raised resulted in a \$90,000 increase from last year's total.

"Laurie and I were thrilled with the tremendous turnout from this year's event!" exclaimed Doug Flutie. "We raised more money this year than ever before, and we are so grateful to all the sponsors for their generous support. Everyone's contributions will go a long way in raising money to help those who need assistance in caring for their children with autism."

Monday night's pre-tournament party was also a sell-out success. The evening's festivities included a performance by The Flutie Brothers Band (featuring Doug Flutie on

drums), and a live and silent auction- featuring exciting get-away packages, authentic autographed sports memorabilia and other one-of-a-kind items.

Sun Life Financial, based in Wellesley, MA, once again served as the presenting sponsor of the event. Chris Quinn, Vice President of Strategic Performance for Sun Life and a member of Doug Flutie's golf foursome remarked, "Sun Life has been a proud supporter of the Foundation since its inception and we're especially proud of this year's success. Sun Life believes it is an important responsibility to give back to the communities where we live and work, and our relationship with the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism is a great example."

In seven years, this event has grossed over \$1 million for autism services and research.

About The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism:

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc. was established in 1998 by Doug Flutie and his wife, Laurie, in honor of their 15 year old son, Doug, Jr. who was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. Autism is a neurological disorder that impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Autism now affects one in one hundred and fifty children in the United States, and the numbers diagnosed continue to dramatically climb.

The goals of the Foundation are to provide support for financially disadvantaged families who need assistance in caring for their children with autism through educational services and equipment. The Foundation also funds research and education into the causes and consequences of childhood autism and serves as a communications center for new programs and services developed for children with autism. For more information on The

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