



***TASTE OF HARFORD AT THE LPGA- Tickets on Sale Now!***  
***Promotes Local Restaurants & Benefits Local Children's Charities***

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HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. – The *Taste of Harford at the LPGA* will return for the fifth year with the mission to raise \$100,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities. On Wednesday, June 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Residents' Club at Bulle Rock will host this prestigious event and kick-off the McDonalds LPGA Championship presented by Coca-Cola.

In prior years, the Taste of Harford provided a reception to welcome the McDonald's LPGA Championship organization and players to Harford County. Beginning in 2008, the Taste of Harford became a fund raiser. Fifty percent of all funds raised through the Taste of Harford will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities – a charity that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families around the world. The remaining fifty percent of all funds raised through the event will go to the following local charities selected by the Harford County McDonald's LPGA Championship Advisory Board:

**The Fisher House Foundation** provides free or low cost lodging to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers.

**James Harris Field Stadium Project** is building a new sports facility in Havre de Grace that will be home to local athletic teams plus provide a recreational and entertainment venue to the residents of Havre de Grace.

**Aberdeen Science & Math Academy** is a specialized program located in Aberdeen High School that includes the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

**The Family Tree** is Maryland's largest non profit organization dedicated to providing solutions that strengthen families and break the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

**The Biomedical Sciences Program** at Bel Air High School is a new four year Stem Grant program that promotes engineering and technology courses for qualified high school students. This program is part of the nationwide Project Lead the Way initiative.

The Taste of Harford event would not be possible without the generous donations of food and beverages provided by the participating Harford County restaurants, food growers, wineries and chocolatiers. The following vendors will be offering samples of their finest fare at the event: The Bayou, Bonefish Grill, Bomboy's Homemade Candy, Bruster's Ice cream, Chesapeake Food Works,  
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Clarence's Taste of New Orleans, Coakley's Pub, Deer Creek Beef, Durango's Steakhouse, Fiore Winery, Giovanni's, Josef's Country Inn, Laurrapin Grille, Liberatore's, MacGregor's Restaurant, The Restaurant at Bulle Rock, The Open Door Café, The Vandiver Inn, La Cucina, Price's Seafood Restaurant, Sean Bolan's, and Tidewater Grille.

"Harford County is delighted to welcome back McDonald's LPGA Championship for their last year. We anticipate a large turn out at the beautiful Residents' Club where people can mingle with the professional golfers, enjoy the tastings and support Ronald McDonald House Charities," stated Harford County Executive David R. Craig. "The Taste of Harford will be an unforgettable evening and the funds raised help make a difference in the lives of our local children."

With the opportunity to mingle with some of the world's best golfers and a fireworks spectacular at dusk, organizers are anticipating a sell-out crowd. Taste of Harford tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at [www.mcDSLPGA.org](http://www.mcDSLPGA.org). Phone orders can be placed by calling 888-321-1681.

The McDonald's LPGA Championship sponsored by Coca-Cola is one of only four major events on the LPGA Tour. This will be the last year of the McDonald's LPGA Championship. Last year the event attracted nearly 90,000 spectators and was viewed by over 1,000,000 people on The Golf Channel. Numbers are expected to increase this year as Natalie Gulbis, Lorena Ochoa and Michele Wie compete for the coveted LPGA Championship trophy.

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