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SYBASE BIG APPLE CLASSIC PRESENTED BY LINCOLN MERCURY "EYES" NEW OFFICIAL CHARITY

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. – Tournament officials for the Sybase Big Apple Classic presented by Lincoln Mercury announced today The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary as its new official charity. The 2003 Sybase Big Apple Classic returns to Wykagyl Country Club, July 14-20.

"Through our "Official Charity" designation, we will raise needed funds for critical services," says Joseph P. Corcoran, President and Chief Executive Officer. "In addition, the tournament will bring visibility to the Infirmary's unique and innovative facilities, including our new Retina Center, which features the ultimate in 21st century diagnostics. We look forward to our partnership with Sybase Corporation, Lincoln Mercury and the LPGA in a truly exciting week of golf."

Founded in 1820, The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary is the nation's first specialty and the third oldest hospital in New York City. The Infirmary is a full service medical/surgical specialty hospital supported by a 500-member medical staff. It cares for some 20,000 surgical patients and 145,000 clinic outpatients annually. Its major departments include all aspects of Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The infirmary serves many of New York's neediest – the very young, the old, the poor – with high-quality, yet affordable, specialized services.

"The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary was a tremendous addition to our tournament last year as our official hospital," said Ray Gerosa, tournament director of the Sybase Big Apple Classic. "We look forward to working more closely with them this year. The Infirmary will again be providing emergency medical services at the event as well as offering free vision screenings for all spectators."

"Sybase welcomes the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary as the official charity for the Sybase Big Apple Classic," said Mark Westover, vice president, Corporate Marketing. "Sybase has a strong commitment to philanthropy and we are excited that this event will raise funds for one of the most respected medical centers in New York City."

Tickets for the Sybase Big Apple Classic can be purchased by calling Alexandra O'Connell, The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary Office of Development at (212) 979-4019.

NBC will televise the third and fourth rounds live from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (EST) on Saturday, July 19 and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, July 20. The golfers will be competing for a purse of \$950,000 with the winner taking home \$142,500 in Official LPGA Tour prize money.

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