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Golf Classic is above par

(SKOKIE – September 10, 2007) The weeks of rain finally stopped long enough to prepare the beautiful Ivanhoe Club for Orchard Village's 15th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Monday, August 27. Nearly 200 golfers representing leadership in 120 local corporations golfed to support the individuals with disabilities served by Orchard Village. The event sold out and raised a total of more than \$100,000 that will be used to purchase new furnishings for the living areas of three Orchard Village group homes located in Glenview, Des Plaines, and Skokie.

This was The Ivanhoe Club's second consecutive year hosting the Orchard Village Golf Classic. Golfers began their morning with a golf clinic and Titleist demonstrations sponsored by Manpower and Right Management Consultants, Inc. During the buffet lunch, Tom Shaer of Tom Shaer Media and Bill Wennington, formerly of the Chicago Bulls, entertained the group with sports commentary.

After a challenging 18 holes, golfers enjoyed a cocktail hour with food stations for Mexican, American, Italian and Asian hor d'oeuvres. The dinner program featured a video produced by Mudd Advertising that detailed the shopping experience of seven men that reside in an Orchard Village group home in Glenview. Thanks to a generous donation by Walgreens, the men were able to pick out and purchase new furniture from Walter E. Smithe for their living and dining rooms. The video introduced the *Help Make a House a Home Appeal*, which raised \$25,000 the night of the event. Amazing live auction items included a golf experience at the prestigious Chicago Club and an unforgettable Wrigley Field Bat Kid for a Day package.

The Orchard Village Golf Classic has become branded as a corporate event where business leaders go to broker relationships. Presidents and CEO's flew in from as far as Pennsylvania to court potential clients while playing the links. The event will continue to tailor to the corporate population in the coming years.

About Orchard Village – Orchard Village is a not-for-profit organization that has been supporting people with disabilities for 35 years. Orchard Village's primary focus is based upon person-centered planning. The use of one-on-one interviews and 21 personal outcome measures ensures that every person controls his or her own destiny.

Orchard Village provides residential, vocational, intermittent, seniors' day program, specialized services, and in-home respite services to 300 individuals throughout 28 communities in northern Cook County. The most recent addition to Orchard Village is Orchard Academy. The high school provides much needed support for students in special education to develop the vocational, social, and independent living skills necessary to transition successfully into life after high school. For more information about Orchard Village, contact Erika Vavrik at (847) 967-1800 ext. 133, or visit www.orchardvillage.org.