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CVS Health Charity Classic Announces \$1 Million Donation to Southern New England Charities

Charity Classic Impact Totals More Than \$22 Million in 20 Years

WOONSOCKET, RI (December 18, 2018) – With the CVS Health Charity Classic wrapping up another successful year, CVS Health President and CEO, Larry Merlo, announced today that this year's donation of \$1 million will support nearly 80 area nonprofit organizations across Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. This brings the total amount donated over the last two decades to more than \$22 million.

The 2018 event series drew in world-class golfers including Rory McIlroy, Jim Furyk and Brooke Henderson, to the greens of Rhode Island Country Club. In addition to the world-class golf talent, the Charity Classic's two-day food festival, Crave RI, brought in more than 250 restaurant, brewery and vineyard partners to the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

Additionally, CVS Health announced the date for the 2019 CVS Health Charity Classic. The 21st annual event series will kick-off on Thursday, June 20th.

At the heart of the CVS Health Charity Classic is a dedication to giving back to the community and providing assistance to Southern New England charities that focus on helping the community year-round. Donations from the 2018 CVS Health Charity Classic will support the vital missions of a wide range of charitable organizations across the region. The Charity Classic's support touches the lives of people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through organizations including:

- Crossroads Rhode Island, the largest homeless service organization in Rhode Island, to stay open around the clock, year-round.
- The American Heart & Stroke Association that provides women in underserved communities access to healthcare services, cardiologist outreach and blood pressure screenings.
- City Year whose mission is to help children achieve their full potential through tutoring and mentoring from peers close to them in age.

"Through the Charity Classic, we can provide essential funding to target critical needs within the community," said Eileen Howard Boone, Tournament Chairperson of the CVS Health Charity Classic "We are so pleased to be able to support the remarkable work of these nonprofits in their efforts to help enhance education, healthcare and social services in local communities."

In addition to the \$1 million donation to area nonprofits, the Charity Classic invested time in the community alongside Old Colony Habitat for Humanity to help provide a local family with a new, affordable home.

CVS Health President and CEO, Larry Merlo, alongside Tournament Chairperson Eileen Howard Boone, as well as PGA TOUR professionals and CVS Health Charity Classic Co-hosts Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade, awarded the 2018 donations in front of a crowd of CVS Health colleagues, charity partners, event volunteers and Charity Classic sponsors.

In all, 78 local non-profit organizations across Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts will benefit this year from the CVS Health Charity Classic.

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About CVS Health Charity Classic

The CVS Health Charity Classic is one of Rhode Island's largest charitable event series, including a golf tournament featuring some of the world's top professional golfers and a two-day food festival highlighting local restaurants, breweries, and vineyards. Since its inception in 1999, the Charity Classic has donated more than \$22 million for Southern New England nonprofit organizations that provide vital funding to a range of programs serving children and families. For additional information on the CVS Health Charity Classic, please visit www.cvshealthcharityclassic.com. Follow the Charity Classic on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates on the event as they happen.