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Bubba Watson wins first round of MetLife MatchUp

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Gulf Coast community rallied behind professional golfer Bubba Watson to help him win the first round of the MetLife MatchUp, securing a \$20,000 donation to The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart.

The next round of the online voting begins August 5. At that time, fans are encouraged to visit the PGA Tour [MetLife MatchUp website](#) to continue voting for Watson and help him secure the \$750,000 grand prize for his selected charities. Should Watson become the 2018 MetLife MatchUp Champion, he has committed to donating \$500,000 of the prize to The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. Fans can vote up to 20 times each day. To receive notifications about Watson and speed the voting process that starts August 5, fans can create a login on the PGA Tour website today using an e-mail address or social media account.

In its second year, the MetLife MatchUp is an online contest that asks fans to vote for the best recovery shot of the week throughout the PGA Tour season. Watson's recent donation will support the construction of the new four-story Children's Hospital, which will increase access to specialized pediatric and maternity care and consolidate inpatient pediatric services in one convenient location. Sacred Heart is a member of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system.

A resident of Pensacola who was born at Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, Watson has put his star-power to good use by supporting causes that are close to his heart. When Watson won the 2017 MetLife MatchUp, he donated half of his million-dollar prize – as well as an additional \$1.6 million – to support the construction of Sacred Heart's new four-story children's hospital.

To recognize the ongoing support of the Watson family, Sacred Heart named the entrance road to the new Children's Hospital as Bubba Watson Drive. The City of Pensacola made the name change official in December.

"Bubba's steadfast commitment to the health and well-being of our community is evident in how he continues to give back," said Henry Stovall, president and chief executive officer of Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola and The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. "We are grateful for his continued generosity and support. His legacy of giving will have an enduring impact on children and families for generations to come."

Watson is a two-time Master's Champion and 12 time winner on the PGA Tour. The 2018 MetLife MatchUp kicked-off at the Waste Management Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is the region's only children's hospital, serving families across Northwest Florida, South Alabama and South Georgia. Expected to be complete in spring 2019, the new children's hospital will be connected to the front of the existing children's

hospital and will include a pediatric emergency room and trauma center, new procedure rooms dedicated to pediatric surgery, an expanded neonatal intensive care unit, a medical/surgical unit, observation beds and a pediatric rehabilitation gym.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to pediatric intensive care, cancer care, rehabilitation and a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 29 pediatric specialties. The Children's Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. For more information about the services available at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit www.studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

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