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University Center Sponsors Team Fox Golf Tournament
Event will raise funds for Parkinson's research

SIOUX FALLS, SD — In her first year organizing a charity golf tournament, Sarah Rasmussen succeeded in raising nearly \$10,000 for Parkinson's research. For her efforts, Rasmussen was recently honored by the Michael J. Fox Foundation as one of the organization's top fundraisers in the country.

Rasmussen, who is the Assistant Director of Academic and Student Services at University Center, traveled to New York City to attend a celebration dinner and meet Michael J. Fox. She says the experience motivated her to set her goal even higher this year.

The second annual Team Fox Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 17th at Brandon Valley Golf Course, and Rasmussen hopes to raise \$15,000 through the event this year.

University Center is a proud sponsor of the Team Fox Tournament. UC's Community Action Committee helps organize the tournament and recruits volunteers to assist on the day of the event. Rasmussen credits the committee for the work they put in to coordinate the tournament and make it a success. "This is not something I could ever do on my own. It is definitely a team effort," she says.

The Team Fox Golf Tournament is a best ball tournament. It includes lunch and features a silent auction. All proceeds go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Individuals or teams interested in participating in the Team Fox Tournament have until July 9th to register. For more information, contact Sarah Rasmussen at 605-367-5381 or sarah.rasmussen@yahoo.com.



About Parkinson's Disease

Over five million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease – a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder whose symptoms typically progress from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation. There is no known cure for Parkinson's disease. Current treatments mask symptoms but do not alter or slow disease progression. In the United States, 60,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone. The annual economic cost of Parkinson's in the U.S. is estimated to exceed \$25 billion.

About the Michael J. Fox Foundation

The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to ensuring the development of better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda. MJFF has funded almost \$176 million in research to date.

About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner Universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area.