

AZ Insider: Golfing at Ultra-Private CA Course for Childhelp

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Hitting the links with hosts **Cheryl Ladd** and **John O'Hurley**- especially on **Larry Ellison's** ultra-private personal course in Porcupine Creek, CA, is a rare opportunity. That's one of the many reasons the Childhelp Golf Invitational - was sold out!

I think about how proud **Merv Griffin** would be, because the funds raised from this tournament benefits the children of the Childhelp **Merv Griffin** Village in Beaumont, CA. It's the residential facility that at any given time is home to 84 abused or neglected children ages 6-14.

Childhelp Founders **Sara O'Meara** and **Yvonne Fedderson** are pictured above with Cheryl (*Charlie's Angels*) and John (*Seinfeld*).

Players and guests travelled from six states including Arizona and Hawaii to attend the weekend fundraiser. Pictured below are **Amber** and **Michael Nealer**, **Laurie** and **Bill Eckholm** (Childhelp national board member and Honorary Golf Chair) and **Linda Charlesworth** and **Gerry LaFountain**.



The opening party was held at Toscana Country, Indian Wells, CA, with the post golf awards party at La Spiga Ristorante, Palm Desert.

Childhelp national board members **Jim** and **Carol Hebets** are pictured below right with **Cheryl** and **John**. Pictured below left is **Bill Eckholm** with **John O'Hurley** and wife **Lisa O'Hurley**.



"We are so thankful for **Larry Ellison** allowing us to have this golf tournament at Porcupine Creek," says Sara O'Meara. And Yvonne Fedderson adds that, **John O'Hurley** and **Cheryl Ladd** have given their time and talents to come every year for the last 7 years to co-host the tournament. We are especially grateful to the golfers who travel from all over the country to support what Childhelp does. "



Pictured above right are Childhelp's Chief Information Officer, **John Hopkins** with the Eckholms and above left with Sara and Yvonne is **Jeff Taylor**, CEO Salvation Army, Arizona. "This donation of Porcupine Creek has made a lot of golfers have the game of a lifetime by this unique experience while helping abused and neglected children. We thank everyone who participated."



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