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Polo Match to Benefit Local Caregiver Charity

Raleigh, N.C. — The Second Annual Triangle Charity Polo Classic will be held Sunday, June 7, 2015 at MacNair's Country Acres in Raleigh, N.C. from 12:00pm-6:30pm. All proceeds from the event support Transitions Guiding Lights Caregiver Support Center of Raleigh, N.C.

This event gives Triangle residents a rare opportunity to experience the fun and festivities surrounding one of the oldest team sports in history while supporting a worthy cause. The match, featuring The Triangle Area Polo Club, is the centerpiece of what will be an exciting day for the entire family. The day begins at noon when ticket holders can begin pre-match tailgating with their own picnics or with delicious food and beverage options available for purchase at the field. For those wanting the VIP experience, multiple packages are available that include tents, tables, and other perks.

The parade of teams and opening ceremonies will begin at 2pm and the match begins at 2:30pm. Guests are encouraged to put their best foot forward for some friendly competition among spectators. Throughout the afternoon, prizes will be awarded in various categories, including Best Hat, Best Dressed Spectator, and Best Tailgate. Halftime brings the opportunity to participate in the traditional and always amusing divot stomp to replace the grass divots on the field turned over by the horses during play.

Transitions Guiding Lights Caregiver Support Center is a non-profit organization that offers comprehensive support to family and professional caregivers. Their mission is to help caregivers obtain timely, relevant, and comprehensive information as they go through the caregiving journey. Nicole Bruno, executive director and co-founder of Transitions Guiding Lights, explains that support is needed more than ever as the organization works to replicate their successful model of caregiver support beyond the Triangle. "We are so thrilled to be part of the planning team and the beneficiary of funds raised for the Triangle Charity Polo Classic. We are currently serving over 300 caregivers in our community every month and embarking on replicating our model of caregiver support nationwide. These funds will help us continue to fuel our mission," explained Bruno.

David Brooks, founder of the Triangle Area Polo Club, is honored to support Transitions Guiding Lights and is excited to bring local exposure to the sport he loves. "At Triangle we offer a fun, safe place for

people to learn how to ride and play polo. We are excited to once again be part of the Triangle Charity Polo Classic. We look forward to putting on a good match for the crowd and helping raise funds for a charity that needs everyone's support," shared Brooks.

Sponsors of the event include Maserati of Raleigh, WTVD, Curtis Media, and J.M. Edwards Jewelry. Tickets are \$15 per person if purchased online in advance and \$20 at the gate. Children under 10 are free. General parking is \$10 or a special tailgate package can be purchased to park by the field. Glass bottles and pets are prohibited at the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets or packages visit <http://www.trianglecharitypoloclassic.com>.

About Guiding Lights Caregiver Support Center

Guiding Lights Caregiver Support Center is a 501©3 private nonprofit organization that provides free assistance to family and professional caregivers. Guiding Lights strives to diminish the fear, doubt and overwhelming stress that often accompany caring for an ill or aging loved one. Although based in Raleigh, Transitions Guiding Lights serves Wake, Orange and Durham Counties. For more information, visit www.guidinglightsnc.org

About Triangle Area Polo Club

Triangle Area Polo Club is sanctioned by the U.S. Polo Association (USPA) and is dedicated to advancing the sport of polo in the Triangle area of North Carolina. The club offers many opportunities to participate as a player or spectator and has programs for all ages and skill levels. The club is owned and run by David Brooks, a professional polo player. The club is sanctioned by the U.S. Polo Association (USPA), the sport's national governing body, and offers lessons for all skill levels, safe and dependable polo ponies for rent or sale, and organized polo leagues. For more information, visit www.triangleareapolo.org.

About MacNair's Country Acres

MacNair's Country Acres is a 280 acre facility outside downtown Raleigh, N.C. MacNair's has been boarding horses and teaching horseback riding since 1972 and offers boarding, training, lessons and showing, both on and off the farm.

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