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**The Metropolitan Club Hosts the Third Annual ClubCorp Charity Classic**

*Public Invited to Attend*

**CHICAGO, IL, September 18, 2009** — The Metropolitan Club will host the 2009 ClubCorp Charity Classic event on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 9. The entertaining and philanthropic evening will be held on the 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> floors of the Willis Tower, known for its spectacular views of the city. The Metropolitan Club cordially invites the public to enjoy two floors and over 75,000 square feet of classic Chicago movie themed rooms, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live music, dancing, prizes, a fabulous Silent and Live Auction.

“We are thrilled to be able to open our clubs to the community during this exciting event,” said Rick Kroner, general manager at The Metropolitan Club. “It is an honor to be a part of ClubCorp’s massive celebration, but even more so to be a part of something that positively will touch the lives of so many.”

More than 140 golf and country clubs and business and sports clubs around the country will open their courses and dining rooms to an estimated 25,000 members, guests and patrons for tournaments, dining events and social extravaganzas.

Funds raised from the 2009 ClubCorp Charity Classic will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), specifically “Augie’s Quest; ClubCorp’s Employee Partners Care Foundation and Chicago’s UCAN.

- **The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)**, specifically “Augie’s Quest,” an initiative within MDA that is an aggressive, cure-driven effort singularly focused on treatments and cures for ALS, (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig’s disease).
- **ClubCorp’s Employee Partners Care Foundation (E.P.C.F.)**, a fund created to help ClubCorp’s employees and their families by providing financial assistance in times of crisis.
- **UCAN** is multi-faceted social service agency with more than 20 programs that focus on healing trauma, educating children and families, and preventing violence.

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Last year's Charity Classic donations of \$1.7 million exceeded those in 2007. During a soft economy, ClubCorp remains firm in their expectations to engage their members, employees and nonprofit partners to help those in need.

To participate or to sign up for this event, please visit the ClubCorp Charity Classic Website at: [www.ammado.com/company/the-metropolitan-club](http://www.ammado.com/company/the-metropolitan-club) or call the club at 312.876.3200

### **About The Metropolitan Club**

In 1974, Mr. Arthur M. Wood, former Sears Roebuck & Co Board Chairman, championed not only the development of the Sears Tower, but the establishment of the tower's fine private Club, The Metropolitan Club. Since that time, the West Loop has flourished and the Metropolitan Club has become known as "the" place to conduct business, meet Chicago's Who's Who and has developed a reputation as Chicago's finest Business Club. The Club continues to be known for these things and is celebrating its 35th year of serving the Chicago community. Understanding that the executives of today are vastly different from decades past, the Club provides the Members of today with the atmosphere, amenities and personalized service they seek. We encourage you to join in the celebration. Visit: [www.metclubchicago.com](http://www.metclubchicago.com) to learn more.

### **About ClubCorp**

Dallas-based ClubCorp and its affiliates own or operate more than 140 golf courses, country clubs, private business and sports clubs and resorts. Among ClubCorp's nationally recognized golf properties are Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio (site of the World Golf Championships – Bridgestone Invitational) and Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California (home of the Kraft Nabisco Championship). The renowned collection of business and business sports clubs include the Columbia Tower Club in Seattle; Metropolitan Club in Chicago; and the City Club of Washington, D.C. Visit [www.clubcorp.com](http://www.clubcorp.com) for additional company information.

### **About Augie's Quest and the Muscular Dystrophy Association**

Fitness pioneer Augie Nieto started Augie's Quest ([www.augiesquest.org](http://www.augiesquest.org)) in conjunction with MDA's ALS Division after his ALS diagnosis in March 2005. Nieto is co-founder and former president of Life Fitness, and chairman of Octane Fitness. Augie's Quest is an aggressive, cure-driven effort singularly focused on treatments and cures for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. MDA ([www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)) is the world's largest provider of ALS services and funder of ALS research. Over the years, it has expanded almost \$200 million in this effort. It operates 225 neuromuscular disease clinics across the country and 37 ALS-specific research and care centers. MDA also supports 42 other neuromuscular diseases including muscular dystrophy.

### **Employee Partners Care Foundation**

The Employee Partners Care Foundation ([www.epcarefoundation.com](http://www.epcarefoundation.com)) was established by ClubCorp to help employees and their families in need of financial assistance in times of crisis. Future plans include incorporating a scholarship component to the fund to provide scholarships for Employee Partners or their children and grandchildren. Funds for the Employee Partners Care Foundation come from Employee Partner donations as well as private donations.

### **About UCAN**

UCAN ([www.ucanchicago.org](http://www.ucanchicago.org)) is a multi-faceted social service agency that has been servicing the Chicagoland area for more than 140 years. With more than 20 programs that focus on healing trauma, educating children and families, and preventing violence, UCAN helps youth who have suffered trauma to become future leaders.

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