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The Toro Company Donates Over \$20,000 Worth of Golf Maintenance Equipment To The First Tee of Sharon

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (September 12, 2006) – The Toro Company, a preferred supplier of golf course maintenance and irrigation equipment for The First Tee, announced today that it has donated a Groundsmaster® 3500 to The First Tee of Sharon in Pennsylvania. The equipment donation is valued at over \$20,000.

“We are so proud to receive this great award from Toro,” said Carole Barker, executive director of The First Tee of Sharon. “On behalf of the Buhl Farm trustees, the maintenance staff and The First Tee of Sharon, I would like to thank Toro for this generous donation. The gift ultimately will benefit not only The First Tee of Sharon, but also our community of golfers who enjoy our beautiful, free golf course.”

The First Tee provided Toro with a list of nominees from each of their six regions and with input from E.H. Griffith Inc., the local Toro distributor in Western Pennsylvania, The First Tee of Sharon was selected to receive this donation. The First Tee of Sharon consists of a nine-hole golf course and driving range located at Buhl Farm Park. The course has remained “free of charge” since local philanthropists Frank and Julia Buhl opened it in 1914 for the benefit of the community.

“The First Tee of Sharon stood out as a unique chapter and one that would benefit most from the product donation,” said Stacy Bogart, director of the Toro Giving Program. “We are pleased to provide this donation to a truly unique golf course.”

Toro became a preferred supplier of The First Tee in 1998. In addition to the annual product donation, Toro also provides products and services to The First Tee chapters at a reduced rate.

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About The Toro Giving Program:

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of outdoor beautification products, support services and integrated solutions. Through the Toro Giving Program, Toro helps enhance the health and well-being of communities through active outreach and involvement. The primary giving focus is to support organizations that preserve the outdoor environment. The Toro Foundation, an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, facilitates much of Toro's giving through matching gifts, and volunteer and elective grants. Toro also provides scholarships, employee volunteer opportunities, and product and in-kind donations. Toro is headquartered at 8111 Lyndale Ave. in Bloomington, MN. Visit the company web site at www.thetorocompany.com.

About The First Tee:

The First Tee (www.thefirsttee.org) is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in St. Augustine, FL at World Golf Village, home of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Since its inception in 1997, The First Tee has opened over 250 golf-learning facilities in 46 states and five international locations, and has introduced the game of golf and its values to over 675,000 participants. The First Tee National School Program (www.thefirstteensp.org) has reached more than 400,000 students in over 900 elementary schools across the country.

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As Founding Corporate Partner of The First Tee, Shell Oil Company has provided financial resources to support the development of this charitable youth initiative aimed at promoting character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Because of Shell's initial contribution, The First Tee has been able to garner the support of hundreds of corporations and organizations that have provided financial or promotional support to The First Tee and its Chapters.