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Barnum Financial Group's Golf Tournament Raises \$20,000 for Charity

August 13, 2008- Shelton, CT-The Foundation for Life, a non-profit organization founded by Paul and Mindee Blanco raised \$20,000 at the 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament held at Mill River Country Club in Stratford. One hundred thirty-six players enjoyed a great day on the course.

Since the Foundation for Life began in 2006, over \$216,000 has been distributed to area charities, including Junior Achievement, Bikes for Kids, Shoreline YMCA, college scholarships and Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut.

A reception and dinner followed the tournament and a silent auction was led by Gil Simmons, WELI's popular weatherman. The highlight of the auction was an autographed 2007 World Series photograph.

Paul Blanco, managing director of Barnum Financial Group, an office of MetLife, a budding philanthropist encourages his firm of 425 employees to get involved in their local communities. As a firm, BFG conducts several fundraisers throughout the year. Current plans for 2009 are a Gala, Bowl-a-thon for Junior Achievement, Bikes for Kids and a Golf Tournament.

"Mindee and I started this foundation as a way to give back and strengthen communities," said Blanco.

The Foundation for Life is supported by BFG employees, the Blanco Family and donors.

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