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ORCHID ISLAND GOLF & BEACH CLUB PRESENTS THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER WITH GENEROUS CHECK OF \$145,270

The Members of the Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club have a strong history of giving to local charities, a love of the game of golf, and a passion for protecting the environment. It is not surprising, therefore, that they elected to have the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) as their charity beneficiary for the 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship that the Club hosted in October.

Not all Clubs who host USGA championships choose to have a charity beneficiary. Orchid Island's Host Committee felt that this would be an opportune time to turn the spotlight on such a special and worthwhile charity. Little did the Committee know when making the decision, that the amount raised by Orchid Island's Members would be so substantial. To be able to present the ELC with such a special gift was just the icing on the cake to an already incredible event.

"Words cannot express how touched I am as the Host Committee Chair to belong to such a caring and giving community. Many of our Members support the ELC's mission to educate people to be stewards of the environment, and this is another way for us to thank them for outstanding work," shared Ted Hutton, Orchid Island Chairman of the Host Committee.

"This is amazing. I am absolutely speechless. On behalf of the Environmental Learning Center, we can't thank the Members of Orchid Island enough. The ELC is a wonderful organization and I am very proud to be the Board Chair. The ELC has some wonderful plans for the future and this is going to help us immensely," expressed Don Barr, ELC Board Chair.

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Orchid Island is a private and intimate residential golf course community, offering gracious waterfront and golf course homes, an award-winning Arnold Palmer golf course, a state-of-the art Tennis & Fitness Center and an intimate Beach Club perfectly suited for leisurely gatherings, club activities and exceptional dining. For two consecutive years Orchid Island has gained certification as being one of "Americas Healthiest Clubs" from Prevo Health Solutions, as well as being awarded the designation of being a "Distinguished Emerald Club of the World." For more information, visit www.orchidislandgolfandbeachclub.com

Environmental Learning Center is a 64-acre island nature center with an interactive museum, native plant gardens, raised boardwalks and trails, classrooms, children's play area, picnic facilities, visitor center and more. Its programs include school field trips, camps, lecture series, guided nature walks, canoe and pontoon trips, internships, outreach programs, and more. Net proceeds from this tournament will go directly to ELC to continue to expand its mission to connect all with nature. For more information, visit www.discoverelc.org

