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## Hit the links for a great cause at Janus Academy's charity golf tourney

CALGARY — Tee it up at this annual event, and you'll be helping the Janus Academy maintain a remarkable scorecard of service to the community.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of Janus Academy Charity Golf Tournament and Auction is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club, and serves as an important fundraiser for the Janus Academy, which meets the needs of school-aged children with autism.

"Families that enroll in Janus Academy become part of a tightly knit, caring community, and it's this caring relationship that cultivates the success of our students," says Janus Academy president Ian Menzies.

"When you play a round of golf or bid on an auction item at the Friends of Janus Charity Golf Tournament, you're helping Janus deliver excellence in the classroom through enhanced student-teacher ratios, individualized curriculum, and innovative teaching techniques," adds Menzies. "And you're also supporting the caring relationship for which the Janus Academy is known."

The Friends of Janus Academy Charity Golf Tournament tees off at 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, with a shotgun start. A banquet will follow a full day on the links, with fantastic live and silent auction items available.

Established in 1997, the Janus Academy is an accredited, independent, non-profit school that meets the unique educational needs of school-aged children with autism.

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The Janus Academy aims to maximize the potential of each child with autism by enabling the greatest possible academic success and facilitating lifelong community integration.

At present, 44 students are enrolled in Grades 1 through 12 at Janus Academy, which leases classrooms at Calgary schools and churches, and conducts a 10-month school year from September through June. Each classroom consists of five to 10 students, a certified teacher or qualified group instructor, and behavior therapists who carry out individual program and classroom goals.

“I am overjoyed at what Janus is doing for my son,” says one Janus Academy parent. “Janus Academy has changed the trajectory of my child’s life, and as a result they have also had a profound impact on the future of my entire family.”

Once again, Prizm Financial Inc. continues to organize and host this annual Friends of Janus Academy Charity Golf Tournament and Auction. Prizm Financial was looking to give back to the community when they were introduced to the Janus Academy in 1998.

“All our employees are very proud of their involvement in fundraising for the Janus Academy,” says Mike Clarke, president of Prizm Financial Inc. “We greatly respect the parents, teachers, and therapists who work so hard to improve the lives of these autistic children.”

To become a sponsor, register a foursome, make a cash contribution, donate auction items, or just find out more information about the event, please contact Menzies (via phone at 403.472.9484, or via e-mail at [ian.menzies@nmc.ca](mailto:ian.menzies@nmc.ca)) or Clarke (via phone at 403.244.7800, or via e-mail at [friendsofjanus@prizmfinancial.com](mailto:friendsofjanus@prizmfinancial.com)).

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