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2019 Volunteers of America Classic Announces New Dates for Fall 2019

The 2019 Volunteers of America Classic, formerly the Volunteers of America LPGA Texas Classic, will return to Old American Golf Club in The Colony, TX for the second consecutive year. The official LPGA Tournament will feature 144 of the world's best female golfers in a four-day stroke-play event vying for a \$1.3 million purse. In 2019, the tournament will embrace a new week, taking place September 30 through October 6, allowing for a stronger playing field and the opportunity to create new and unique programming for fans and the surrounding community.

"We are excited about our new date, September 30 to October 6, in 2019," Volunteers of America President and CEO, Mike King said. "This new date positions us for the strongest field of LPGA players and subsequently the best Volunteers of America Classic in history."

In addition to the date change, the LPGA and Volunteers of America have continued to show the growth and strength of their partnership through the announcement of a five-year extension. Both organizations are committed to continued investment in the event and bringing a world-class golf event to Texas.

Embracing the football frenzy that occurs in the fall in North Texas, tournament organizers will enhance the food festival and fan experience components, including the creation of *Tailgate on the Green*, with tailgate-themed programming featuring local restaurants and beer and wine profiles.

"I'm so excited we will be playing the Volunteers of America Classic in the fall," LPGA professional Angela Stanford said. "I believe the best time to play golf in Texas is in the fall when the weather is perfect and the golf courses are in the best shape! Throw in the excitement of football season and it will be a great time to play close to home!"

With the Volunteers of America Classic being the only LPGA Tour event in the state, tournament organizers are also looking for ways to augment local engagement and appeal to all members of the community, not just golf fans. Tournament week will include special events and activations that encourage local youth and families to get involved and come out to experience everything that takes place throughout the week.

"This event is a particularly special one to me and I'm thrilled to come back again next year," LPGA professional Brittany Lang said. "There's a buzz around Texas when the fall comes around and the LPGA's best are ready to be a part of it."

For more information please visit the tournament website [HERE](#).

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About Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, men and women returning from prison, homeless individuals and families, those recovering from addictions and many others. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and health care, Volunteers of America helps more than 1.4 million people in over 400 communities. Learn more at www.voa.org.

About Old American Golf Club

Old American Golf Club is a unique golf course built along the shoreline of Lake Lewisville located in the Tribute community. The course, designed by Tripp Davis and Justin Leonard, pays homage to the early American golf era also known as the "Golden Age of Golf Architecture". To learn more about playing the course or how to become a member visit www.theoldamericangolfclub.com

About The Colony, Texas

The Colony, also known as the "City by the Lake" is a Dallas suburb that extends 23 miles along the eastern shoreline of Lake Lewisville. With lakeside trails, golf courses and hundreds of acres of wildlife, residents and visitors can immerse themselves in the great outdoors. To find out more about The Colony please visit www.visitthecolonytx.com

About LPGA

The LPGA is the world's leading professional golf organization for women. Founded in 1950 and headquartered in Daytona Beach, Fla., the association celebrates a diverse and storied membership with more than 2,300 members representing more than 30 countries. With a vision to inspire, empower, educate and entertain by showcasing the very best of women's golf, LPGA Tour Professionals compete across the globe, while the Symetra Tour, the official development and qualifying tour of the LPGA, consistently produces a pipeline of talent ready for the world stage. Additionally, LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals directly impact the game through teaching, coaching and management.

The LPGA demonstrates its dedication to the development of the game through The LPGA Foundation. Since 1991, this charitable organization has been committed to empowering and supporting girls and women through developmental, humanitarian and golf community initiatives, including LPGA*USGA Girls Golf, the LPGA Women's Network and the LPGA Amateur Golf Association.

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