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The 10th Annual David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic

Fans invited to attend Big Papi's Dominican Republic golf & social event to benefit
The David Ortiz Children's Fund

LA ROMANA, D.R. (October 16, 2017) – From November 30 through December 3, ten-time All-Star and three-time World Series champion **David Ortiz** will host his 10th annual **David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic** in the Dominican Republic, benefiting the **David Ortiz Children's Fund**. This four-day social and golf outing sees the biggest names in sports and entertainment joining in on Ortiz's efforts in raising funds for this international cause which provides lifesaving heart surgeries for children in Ortiz's native Dominican Republic and throughout New England. To date, the surgeries made possible by the David Ortiz Children's Fund have saved the lives of over 600 children.

Ortiz invites sports fans and golf enthusiasts alike to join his cause by participating in the celebrity-studded getaway which will take place at **Casa de Campo Resort & Villas** in La Romana, Dominican Republic. A variety of VIP, golf and social packages are available, offering guests once-in-a-lifetime experiences at the internationally recognized affair including: a round of golf with a celebrity captain at the world-renowned golf course "**Teeth of the Dog**"; luxury accommodations; access to all-inclusive dining and event entertainment on property; and, the chance to celebrate David Ortiz's and humanitarian accomplishments and career with the man himself.

Over the years, the event has been attended by some of baseball's biggest stars and legends including Robinson Cano, Adam Jones, Alex Rodriguez, Dexter Fowler, Dustin Pedroia, Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez, Josh Donaldson, Mariano Rivera, Hanley Ramirez, Kevin Millar and Tim Wakefield as well as other athletic icons like Ray Allen, Bill Russell, Alonzo Mourning, Bobby Orr, Troy Brown and Lawrence "LT" Taylor. Representing Hollywood has included stars and starlets such as Chris Tucker, Eliza Dushku, Anthony Mackie, Dasha Polanco and Anthony Anderson as well as musical entertainers like T.I. and DJ Pauly D.

"Retiring has given me the chance to really focus on doing what I love most, which is helping people," said **David Ortiz**. "If there is someone I can help, especially kids like these, that's my mission. I want to be remembered for this just as much as my accomplishments on the field."

To date, the David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic has netted \$4 million and has given Ortiz the opportunity to showcase the beauty of his home country while improving the lives of children in

need. The David Ortiz Celebrity Golf Classic directly benefits the David Ortiz Children's Fund, which was founded in 2007 in partnership with CEDIMAT Hospital, to provide pediatric cardiac surgeries in the Dominican Republic. In 2009, the Fund partnered with MassGeneral Hospital for Children to extend its life-saving mission to New England. Funds from the organization directly support various programs including: life-saving cardiology surgeries, pediatric examination rooms and the Child Life Specialist in MGHfC's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

For more information on the golfing and social experiential packages available, please visit www.davidortizchildrensfund.org. Experiences range from \$1,000-\$25,000 for groups and individuals. For sponsorships, please contact Laura Probst at 714.230.6341 or lprobst@davidortizchildrensfund.org for more details.

ABOUT THE DAVID ORTIZ CHILDREN'S FUND:

The David Ortiz Children's Fund provides critical pediatric healthcare to children in New England and the Dominican Republic. The David Ortiz Children's Fund has currently netted approximately \$3 million, provided over 600 children with life-saving heart surgery in the Dominican Republic, and has helped countless others throughout New England region. In 2011, David Ortiz was awarded the Roberto Clemente Award by Major League Baseball for his work with the David Ortiz Children's Fund. For more information, please visit: www.davidortizchildrensfund.org.

ABOUT MASSGENERAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN:

With more than 300 physicians, 50 medical specialties and 15 surgical services, plus complete access to the resources of the world renowned Massachusetts General Hospital, MassGeneral Hospital for Children is dedicated to providing high quality, personalized, developmentally appropriate care for infants, children and adolescents. For more information, please visit: www.massgeneral.org/children.

ABOUT CEDIMAT VASCULAR CENTER:

CEDIMAT Cardiovascular Center is the first center in the Dominican Republic that performs neonate cardiovascular surgeries. It's a Pioneer center in many interventional as well as surgical procedures. Through their social program and with the help of foundations like the David Ortiz Children's Fund, over 2,200 children have received pediatric cardiovascular care free of charge. For more information please visit: <http://www.cedimat.com/cardiovascular/cardiologia-pediatrica/>.

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