



News Release

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Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder is proud to announce the 3rd Annual "Sheriff Helder's Cops & Friends Classic" charity golf tournament held Monday, May 11, 2009 at the Fayetteville Country Club was a tremendous success. The golf tournament raised a total of \$27,312.

Sheriff Helder will donate \$2,500 of the proceeds to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches, a statewide program specializing in the care of abused, neglected or at-risk children. Further information about the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches may be obtained through their website at www.youthranches.com.

The rest of the proceeds, \$24,812, will be donated to the local Peace at Home Family Shelter. Peace at Home Family Shelter has worked since 1977 to help women and children who have survived domestic violence form new, peaceful lives for themselves. Last year, they provided 3,936 safe nights for women and children and since moving into their new shelter, the number of residents living in the emergency shelter has increased by 63%. To learn more about Peace at Home, visit:

www.peaceathomeshelter.org.

Several photos were taken at the event and are available for use by the media. For additional information or to obtain photos contact Kelly Cantrell at kcantrell@co.washington.ar.us or 530-5729.

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