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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KITM Receives More Than \$7,000 from Charity Golf Tournament

Non-profit is selected as the beneficiary of the Susan E. Shepherd Charity Golf Tournament

ST. LOUIS (Sept. 29, 2020) - Kids In The Middle (KITM) has been awarded \$7,490 from the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association (STLWDGA) and Susan E. Shepherd Foundation. The STLWDGA, in cooperation with the Susan E. Shepherd Foundation, hosts an annual charity golf tournament each year in which members select a charity to benefit from the event. KITM was nominated and selected as the 2020 recipient.

"I was delighted to learn that KITM has been selected as the beneficiary of this year's charity golf tournament, says Katy Walter, KITM CEO. The generosity of the members the STLWDGA and the Susan E. Shepherd Foundation will allow the Agency to provide much-needed mental health services for children and families throughout the greater St. Louis region."

Susan E. Shepherd was a long-time member of the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association. As part of her legacy, the foundation was created in her name with the intention of giving back to women's golf. Later, Susan's son and President of the Foundation, Mr. Charles M.M. Shepherd, formed the idea of the SES event, honoring a different charity annually. The first SES golf charity event was in 2003 at Old Warson Country Club.

"Due to the current health crisis, families are experiencing greater financial hardships. Through the support of organizations and community members, we can keep our promise to the community to never turn a family away due to an inability to pay for counseling services, says Walter. A parent should never have to decide between paying bills, putting food on the table, and providing much-needed mental health services for their children."

The donations awarded to the Agency will be quadrupled during the Agency's 36-hour giving campaign, Giving 4 Kids. Giving 4 Kids is an annual online fundraiser in which all donations received during the 36 hours will be quadrupled thanks to generous matching donors. The funds awarded to KITM will total \$29,960 and provide over 680 counseling sessions for children experiencing traumatic family transitions such as parental separation, divorce, and remarriage.

About Kids In The Middle

Kids In The Middle (KITM) helps children and families transition to a new way of life before, during and after separation and divorce, for the sake of creating healthier futures for all involved. Founded in 1977, KITM is a nationally accredited non-profit agency that provides comprehensive and confidential counseling, education and support services focused on the entire family. KITM is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and receives funds from the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund. KITM is located at 2650 S. Hanley Rd. in St. Louis, Mo. For more information, visit www.kidsinthemiddle.org.

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