



PRESS RELEASE

Sir Nick Faldo adds star power to charity golf day in Richmond

Local golfers are in for a treat on Monday 26th July when Richmond Golf Club plays host to Sir Nick Faldo, the most successful golfer in Ryder Cup history, at a charity golf day in aid of disability charity, United Response. Sir Nick will be joined by award winning sports presenter Steve Rider at the historic club, which boasts a serene yet challenging course for golfers of all levels against the backdrop of beautiful Richmond Park.

Golfers will be welcomed with a buffet breakfast in the famous Cube Room of the Grade 1 listed clubhouse, before going on to enjoy an 18 hole stableford competition, as well as a range of on-course competitions. After a sumptuous three course lunch with wine and coffee, players will have a unique opportunity to ask Sir Nick about his career in a question and answer session chaired by Steve Rider. Players can also bid to join Sir Nick on his table at lunch.

Tickets for the event are just £150 per player, or £600 for a team of four - ideal for companies looking for a spot of client entertainment - and includes welcome pack, green fees, a three course lunch, and of course, an audience with Sir Nick. There are still some sponsorship packages available at very reasonable prices. All proceeds will go to help United Response continue its vital work supporting people with disabilities across the country – including locally in Richmond – and in helping them to play a full and active role in the community.

Sir Nick Faldo said, "I'm delighted to be lending my support to United Response's second annual golf day. The work that United Response undertakes is of real benefit to people throughout England and Wales with learning disabilities, mental health needs and physical disabilities. It's a very worthwhile cause and I look forward to being involved this year."

"We are thrilled that Sir Nick and Steve Rider have offered to help and for the support of Richmond Golf Club," said Su Sayer, OBE, Chief Executive of United Response, "Every

penny we raise will go towards our work helping people with learning disabilities lead the kind of lives they choose, including those we are privileged to support in the Richmond area. We look forward to welcoming local golfers to what is sure to be a wonderful day!"

To find out more and to sign up for the day visit www.unitedresponse.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/charity-golf-day-2010/ or contact Kiera Ridge on 020 8246 5200.

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For more information and to set up an interview or photo opportunity, please contact Jaime Gill in the United Response Press Office on 020 8246 5122 or email jaime.gill@unitedresponse.org.uk.

Notes to editors:

United Response is a top 100 charity operating in England and Wales, providing a range of support and services for more than 1,500 people with learning disabilities, mental health needs or physical disabilities. We employ over 2,000 people across the organisation and have won many awards for our pioneering work since being founded in 1973.

Our mission is to enable people with learning disabilities, mental health needs and physical disabilities to take control of their lives.

Our vision is a society where disabled people are equal participants and have access to the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The services we provide depend on each person we work with. We can provide 24-hour support for people with profound physical needs, or just a few hours for those who need less support to live their lives. We can job coach someone into meaningful paid employment. We can provide outreach support for someone with a mental health need or help people who find it difficult to communicate by making information more accessible. The key to our success is that we work with each person to do the things they want to do, supporting them to communicate what they want and tell us how we are doing.

In support of our vision, we also campaign to improve the lives of people with disabilities in society. This may mean lobbying decision makers such as MPs to ensure that people's voices are heard or it might mean working directly with disabled people so that they can be more directly engaged in the democratic process. We also work with employers to ensure that more people with learning disabilities, mental health needs and physical disabilities get a fair opportunity to work.

In 2008 alone, we were shortlisted as best employer in the Third Sector Excellence Awards and highly commended for our Annual Report. We also won a highly prestigious National Training Award for the investment we make in our staff. To find out more please visit www.unitedresponse.org.uk.