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## **Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic to Move to Pinehurst**

**Cary, N.C.** – Nick Valvano, CEO of The V Foundation for Cancer Research, has announced that the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic will move to the Pinehurst Resort, next August.

“We are so thankful to the entire community for supporting the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic in Cary for the last 13 years,” Valvano said. “It is bittersweet to have to announce that the event is moving.”

Each year after the conclusion of the Golf Classic, organizers of the event meet with officials from the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, N.C., to discuss the future of the event.

“This year it became evident there would be some scheduling conflicts which would preclude us from holding our event at Prestonwood next year,” Valvano said. “If the situation changes in the future, we will certainly consider returning to this wonderful site that has been home for so many years.”

“We investigated looking at other alternatives and have decided to host the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic at Pinehurst,” said Frank McCann, executive director of the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic. “We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are very fortunate to have access to a world-class venue like Pinehurst.”

Donald Padgett II, president of Pinehurst, expressed the resort's excitement to host the premier event in 2007. “We look forward to seeing so many of our Triangle friends visit Pinehurst as the community continues to support this extraordinary cause,” he said.

With money raised from the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic, The V Foundation will continue to fund cancer research in the Research Triangle.

“The Triangle is The V Foundation’s headquarters. It is where Jim lived and raised his family, and it is where much of his family still calls home,” Valvano said. “We will still have numerous activities for the community to support. We are grateful to the volunteers who have embraced the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic over the years. They have become part of our family and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the fight against cancer.”

Valvano hopes that the community will continue to embrace Jimmy V Week activities such as the Ride for Research bike ride, Racquets for Research tennis tournament and Jimmy V Week concert that debuted this year.

Founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, The V Foundation has raised more than \$60 million to fund cancer research grants nationwide. The Foundation’s first major fund-raiser, the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic alone has raised more than \$12 million in the fight against cancer. For more information, visit [www.jimmyv.org](http://www.jimmyv.org).

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