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## ONLINE AUCTION BENEFITS SERVICE DOG ORGANIZATION

OCEANSIDE, CA An online auction featuring fine jewelry, original artworks, sports memorabilia and more was recently launched at <http://www.cci.org/golfauction> to raise funds for Canine Companions for Independence. *Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.* The organization provides the dogs, their training and ongoing follow-up services completely free of charge to children and adults with disabilities. Canine Companions assistance dogs are trained in up to 50 commands. They open and close doors, retrieve dropped objects, and turn lights on and off for their human partners with limited mobility. Since its founding in 1975, the organization has placed more than 3,200 assistance dogs throughout the United States.

The auction will present a unique opportunity for shoppers to purchase a variety of original items while supporting this worthy cause. Sports fans can browse a catalog of autographed baseballs with signatures from such greats as Don Newcombe, Vin Scully and Jerry Coleman. Art enthusiasts will enjoy shopping for original paintings by Bill Mack and Tommy Hollenstein. Indulge in a platinum diamond solitaire necklace or a vacation in Maui. Enjoy a thrill with a tandem skydive! There is something for everyone, and the auction includes items at every price point.

The auction is part of the *Canine Companions Invitational* golf tournament which begins at 1:00PM on October 16 at The Crossings at Carlsbad. The online portion of the auction will close at this time. The *Canine Companions Invitational* will feature a game of golf on a world-class course, followed by an awards dinner and the conclusion of this auction. View the auction items in person and submit your last-minute bids at the awards dinner, which begins at 6:00PM. Register for the tournament and/or the awards dinner at [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org). All proceeds benefit Canine Companions for Independence.

### **About Canine Companions for Independence:**

Canine Companions for Independence provides highly-trained assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities. Established in 1975, CCI now has five regional training centers across the country. CCI is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs, and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. For more information, visit [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org) or call 1-800-572-2275.

### **About the Canine Companions Invitational Auction:**

Visit [www.cci.org/golfauction](http://www.cci.org/golfauction) to browse the auction items and bid online. For more information about the golf tournament, visit [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org) or call Chuck Contreras at 760-901-4305.

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