

## Sterling Aviation Partners with The Wisconsin PGA Junior Foundation to Present the First-Ever Backyard Bash

MILWAUKEE, WI (August 4, 2011) – Sterling Aviation, a leading business and private aviation company headquartered at Milwaukee’s Mitchell International Airport, was pleased to be one of the sponsors of the 2011 Backyard Bash presented by The Wisconsin PGA Junior Foundation.



Proceeds from the event, held at The Legend of Brandybrook Golf Club in Wales, Wis. Sunday, July 31 and Monday, August 1, 2011, will benefit The Wisconsin PGA Junior Foundation, the Folds of Honor Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Project.

“Sterling Aviation was proud to be a sponsor of the Backyard Bash,” said Rob Gort, Sterling’s President and Chief Operating Officer. “We recognize the value of having these PGA professionals come to this event and their great support of these charitable organizations. We appreciate the opportunity to likewise be involved.”

In addition to sponsorship, Sterling donated flight services for PGA pros from the U.S. Senior Open in Toledo to Milwaukee, and from Milwaukee to St. Paul, MN and provided flight services for PGA pros from the Greenbrier Classic in WV so they could participate in the Backyard Bash charity event.

“Supporting our community and the veterans who served our country is important to Sterling and our employees, we are pleased to be counted as one of the proud sponsors of this event” said Roger Banaszak, Sterling’s Vice President of Marketing and Sales. “Plus, we enjoyed golfing with Tom Pernice, Jr.!”

The Backyard Bash featured Wisconsin PGA Tour Professionals JP Hayes, Jerry Kelly, Skip Kendall, Steve Stricker and Mark Wilson and 14 additional PGA Tour Professionals from across the country. Participating groups had opportunities to golf with PGA Professionals and local celebrities on Sunday and with PGA Tour Professionals on Monday. The event included guest speakers Courtney Buchach from First Tee of Milwaukee, Major Ed Pulido representing Folds of Honor, Anthony Mau from Veteran Shield, and Frank Licklitter of Wounded Warriors and entertainment by Rhythm Kings.



Plans are already underway for the 2012 Backyard Bash. Visit [www.backyard-bash.com](http://www.backyard-bash.com) for more information.

Sterling is also a proud sponsor of the 2011 Milwaukee Air and Water show, presented Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7 at the Lakefront.

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