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## **MT. GRAHAM GOLF CLUB TO HOST TEE IT UP FOR TOMMY**

*Proceeds to benefit former Thatcher High School Star Tommy Medina*

**THATCHER**, Ariz. — Mt. Graham Golf Club is proud to host the inaugural Tee It Up For Tommy fundraising golf tournament on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The tournament will benefit Thatcher (Ariz.) High School graduate Tommy Medina, a standout golfer whose aspirations of playing on the PGA Tour were derailed by a colon cancer diagnosis in February of 2013. All proceeds from the tournament will go to Medina to help offset the cost of his cancer treatments.

“We are happy to help one of our own in any way we can,” said Mt. Graham Golf Club General Manager Mike Moore. “Tommy is a local boy and extremely loved by not only the Gila Valley community, but also by the Arizona golfing community.”

After a stellar career at Thatcher High, Medina starred at Pima Community College in Tucson, posting a top-10 finish in the State Tournament. From Pima, Medina went on to become a three-time All-American at Grand Canyon University.

“I’ve been fortunate to establish some great relationships through the game of golf,” said Medina, who has three young children. “Words can’t describe how thankful I am for everyone that’s helping me and my family out.”

After GCU, Medina enjoyed a tremendous amount of success on mini tours, winning multiple Pepsi Tour, Gateway Tour and All-American Tour events, including six All-American Tour wins in 2012 alone. Medina also advanced to the second stage of Qualifying School to earn his PGA Tour card three different times (2009, 2010 and 2012) before bowing out. Some of Medina’s wins even came while undergoing treatment for cancer.

“Tommy’s stock seven-iron went 200 yards – he has such pure power in his swing,” said friend and former coach Jack Kraymer. “He’s as good of a kid as he is a player. The golf community is always looking out for its own, and I think supporting Tommy Medina falls in line with that.”

“We’re talking about one of the bright spots of the Southern Arizona community, a source of pride for so many people,” said Arizona National Golf Club General Manager Dennis Palmer, whose relationship with Medina dates back to 2001. “I’m proud to call Tommy a good friend, and I know I’m not the only one ready to help out in any way I can.”

Anyone ready to Tee It Up For Tommy can contact Mt. Graham Golf Club at (928) 348-3140, or email Dennis Palmer GM @ Arizona National Golf Club [dpalmer@aznational.com](mailto:dpalmer@aznational.com) Early reservations are suggested, as space is limited for the event.

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