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**Crawford and Contractor Connection<sup>SM</sup> Support Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship**

*Tournament and series of related events raises more than \$1 million for  
future research and medical support for children*

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (October 2, 2014)** – Crawford & Company and Contractor Connection<sup>SM</sup> joined Nationwide Insurance Group and other corporate sponsors for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship charity golf event in Columbus, Ohio, the week of September 8 to raise funds for the Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Crawford Property & Casualty Americas CEO Kevin Frawley and Contractor Connection CEO Larry Thomas attended the event, which is in its eighth season on the Web.com Tour and is one of the four final professional golf season-ending events made up of a blended field of Professional Golfers Association and Web.com Tour players. A series of related fund-raising events were held during the week of the tournament, raising a total estimated to be more than \$1 million that will help fund future research and medical support for children.

"Contractor Connection and Crawford support a number of charities across the country, and are proud to contribute to The Nationwide Children's Hospital and all that it is doing to help children," Thomas said. "The Championship is a wonderful example of how professional sports and corporations can join together to help a very important cause."

**About the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship**

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is one of four Web.com Tour Finals tournaments that will determine the 50 players who earn PGA TOUR playing privileges for the 2014-

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2015 season and their eligibility position under the TOUR's enhanced qualifying system. Featuring a purse of \$1,000,000, the tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Web.com Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world, The Ohio State University – Scarlet Course, for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit its website at [www.ncc-golf.com](http://www.ncc-golf.com).

### **About Nationwide Children's Hospital**

Ranked in all 10 specialties on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013-14 "America's Best Children's Hospitals" list, Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children's, also ranked among the Top 10 on *Parents* magazine's 2013 "Best Children's Hospitals" list, has a medical staff of 1,100 and 9,400 employees that provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for one million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the Top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. Nationwide Children's remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. More information is available at [NationwideChildrens.org](http://NationwideChildrens.org).

### **About Contractor Connection<sup>SM</sup>**

Contractor Connection, an industry leader in contractor managed repair and home improvement services, provides insurance carriers and consumers a national network of residential and commercial contractors that are vetted and managed for performance, measuring quality, timeliness and customer satisfaction.

### **About Crawford**

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Crawford & Company ([www.crawfordandcompany.com](http://www.crawfordandcompany.com)) is the world's largest independent provider of claims management solutions to the risk management and insurance industry as well as self-insured entities, with an expansive global network serving clients in more than 70 countries. The Crawford Solution<sup>SM</sup> offers comprehensive, integrated claims services, business process outsourcing and consulting services for major product lines including property and casualty claims management, workers compensation claims and medical management, and legal settlement administration. The Company's shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbols CRDA and CRDB.



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