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JOSH SWANSON NAMED 2025 PGA TOUR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Swanson to Direct \$10,000 PGA TOUR Donation to Minnesota 100 Club

BLAINE, MN – Josh Swanson, a long-time volunteer at the 3M Open, has been selected as the [2025 PGA TOUR Volunteer of the Year](#). With the award, the PGA TOUR will donate \$10,000 to the [Minnesota 100 Club](#), which provides financial support to families of First Responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

Swanson began volunteering at age 11 on the ecology committee for the 1993 Burnet Senior Classic, a PGA TOUR Champions event at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids. More than 30 years later, he and his wife, Katie, co-lead the Tournament & TV Operations Committee at the 3M Open, assisting with on-course setup, including hanging TVs and securing large mesh panels and signage.

"I am deeply honored and truly blessed to have been nominated by my 3M Open tournament family for PGA TOUR Volunteer of the Year—and profoundly humbled to be selected as the 2025 recipient," said Swanson. "This recognition means more than I can express."

This year, Swanson faced a personal challenge: in May, he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Despite treatment, he continued his volunteer leadership duties ahead of the July tournament.

"What Josh has brought to the 3M Open has been invaluable—and in 2025, it clearly became inspirational," said Mike Welch, 3M Open Tournament Director. "To show up with a can-do attitude for 12 straight days ahead of and during event week, while managing his health, meant so much to all of us and to his volunteer team. We are thrilled he is being recognized with this well-deserved honor."

Volunteers are the backbone of the 3M Open. In 2025, more than 1,600 volunteers supported the event before, during, and after tournament week. They come from a diverse group, including 3M employees, local youth organizations, area schools, retirees, and community members. Volunteers can participate in committees such as Activations and Events, Competition Support, Fan Services, Logistics, and Volunteer Services, allowing them to find roles that match their interests and skills.

The 2026 3M Open will take place July 21–27, 2026, at TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minnesota. Volunteer registration opens Tuesday, February 3. To sign up, visit 3MOpen.com/volunteer.

ABOUT THE 3M OPEN

The 3M Open debuted in 2019 and is Minnesota's only PGA TOUR event. Past champions include Matthew Wolff, Michael Thompson, Cameron Champ, Tony Finau, Lee Hodges, Jhonattan Vegas, and Kurt Kitayama. Held at TPC Twin Cities, the tournament is managed by Pro Links Sports and supports local initiatives through the 3M Open Fund. Learn more at 3MOpen.com and follow@3MOpen on Instagram, X, and Facebook.