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2009 READ Saskatoon PGI Raises \$49,000 for Literacy in Saskatoon

September 25, 2009 – READ Saskatoon, along with its partner Affinity Credit Union, raised over \$49,000 for literacy in Saskatoon last week, through the 3rd annual READ Saskatoon PGI Golf Tournament.

Last Friday's golf tournament held at the Willows Golf & Country Club on September 18th was sold to capacity and raised a total of \$49,000. READ Saskatoon's special guests included CBC's Shelagh Rogers and Saskatoon's Carrie Catherine as poet laureate.

"We are so pleased with the success of our PGI again this year. Literacy is so important; more than 1/3 of Saskatchewan's population experience daily challenges because of low literacy. For over 30 years READ Saskatoon has delivered free literacy programs to address this issue. We work with people to become more active citizens and more employable. We help families, volunteer tutors and adult learners enrich each other's lives through literacy. The READ Saskatoon PGI supports our work to help address every Saskatoon family's wish for economic and social success." says READ Saskatoon Executive Director Sheryl Harrow.

Following the golf tournament, the Learner Achievement Award was handed out to Nataliia Pavovska. The Learner Achievement Award is given out at the dinner and recognizes an outstanding learner. Mona Chappell, golfer and long-time volunteer with READ Saskatoon was awarded the Gzowski Award, named after the late Peter Gzowski, CBC radio host and founder of the tournaments.

"Thank you so much to our sponsors, organizations and individuals who provided funding, in-kind services and items for our auction, our volunteers, our celebrity guests, and to all of the golfers who took part in the READ Saskatoon PGI this year. It was a great day."

PGI Golf Tournaments for Literacy happen in every province and territory across our nation. The PGIs operate as a division of ABC CANADA. Each PGI is organized by a local committee and every dollar raised stays in the community to support local literacy programs. For more information, see www.abc-canada.org

READ Saskatoon is a volunteer literacy organization that provides free literacy services to adults and families. Our *vision* is to help support a community that values literacy.

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