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NEWS RELEASE

**ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PLANS
FOR 6TH ANNUAL CHIP IN FORE CHARITY**

*Non-profits in the Springfield community and surrounding areas
encouraged to apply for \$20,000 grant*

Springfield, Illinois - The Orthopaedic Center of Illinois Foundation (OCIF) today announced plans for the 6th Annual OCIF Open: Chip in fore Charity! One non-profit organization in the central Illinois community will receive a \$20,000 grant as the benefactor of the annual golf outing being held on October 5 at Panther Creek Country Club.

Organizations can review the Foundation's guidelines and obtain an application by visiting the OCIF website at www.ocif.net. "The Foundation has no restrictions on the type of support it will consider so long as the organization's work is consistent with the Foundation's programs of interest and serves the central Illinois community," said Dr. Tim VanFleet, OCIF Board Member.

OCIF was formed, among other things, to support projects promoting patient education, continuing medical education, and regional charitable organizations. Past benefactors of the outing include: Central Illinois Foodbank (2004), Boys and Girls Club of Springfield (2005), Contact Ministries (2006), Southwind Park (2007), and Big Brothers Big Sisters (2008).

For more information please visit the OCIF website at www.ocif.net. Completed applications must be submitted by July 17. The benefactor will be announced on or before August 14.