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RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

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**PANDA RESTAURANT GROUP RAISES \$300,000 FOR L.A. COUNTY
NON-PROFITS AT PANDA CARES OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Funds donated to the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and Methodist Hospital in Arcadia

Rosemead, Calif. – Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express and the nation’s leader in Asian quick-service restaurants, raised \$350,000 at the 8th Annual Panda Cares Open Golf Tournament held Sept. 6. Three Los Angeles County non-profit organizations – the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and Methodist Hospital in Arcadia – were presented \$100,000 each. The remaining funds will be used for philanthropic purposes through the Panda Charitable Foundation. Since the Panda Cares Open began in 1999, the event has raised a cumulative total of more than \$1.6 million for local non-profits.

“Panda Restaurant Group associates and business partners strive to lessen the burden for those in need, foster goodwill and promote a spirit of giving within our communities,” said Andrew Cherng, founder and chairman. “We have a unified goal of improving others’ lives, of which I’m very proud.”

Nearly 300 players participated in this year’s tournament, which was held at Robinson Ranch Golf Club in Santa Clarita, Calif. The tournament sponsor was Overhill Farms, the awards dinner sponsor was Gold Kist Farms and the beverage sponsor was Pepsi-Cola. More than 100 other companies supported the event as well.

Panda Restaurant Group launched Panda Cares in 1999 as a company-wide community involvement initiative that provides food, funding and volunteer services to children's organizations and disaster relief. Any Panda associate is empowered to initiate a Panda Cares contribution in their community. Although Panda Cares supports many organizations nationwide, the Panda Cares Open Golf Tournament has supported these three non-profit organizations for the past several years:

- United Way of Greater Los Angeles –The United Way unites individuals and institutions in an effort to plan, support and deliver effective human-service programs. Each year, the organization helps 4 million people in Southern California. For more information visit www.unitedwayla.org.
- Childrens Hospital Los Angeles – The hospital is dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of children and adolescents by integrating medical care, preventive services, medical education and research in an atmosphere of love, compassion and respect. To learn more, visit www.childrenshospitalla.org.
- Methodist Hospital – Based in Arcadia, Calif., the hospital provides healing services while caring for the patient as a whole person with emotional and spiritual dimensions as well as physical needs. More information is available at www.methodisthospital.org.

About Panda Restaurant Group

With more than 850 restaurant locations nationwide, the privately-held Panda Restaurant Group (www.pandarg.com) operates a successful chain of concepts including Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. Panda Express, best known for their delectable Orange Chicken, is rapidly expanding with a goal of more than 130 new restaurants by the end of 2006 and a long-term vision of 10,000 restaurants nationwide. In 2006 the company celebrates the 23rd anniversary of Panda Express and the 33rd anniversary of Panda Inn.

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