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### UNITED ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITY THROUGH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

GLENDALE, AZ - October 24, 2012 – The United Association (UA) is continuing its support of the Arizona Myeloma Network's (AzMN) annual charity golf tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The golf tournament serves as a major fundraiser for AzMN, helping to support critical advocacy work that raises awareness of multiple myeloma and provides **free** education programs for cancer patients and caregivers.

UA General President Bill Hite, a myeloma survivor, has been actively engaged in supporting AzMN's grassroots efforts to empower cancer patients and connect them with resources that educate them about their disease and provides support to caregivers. In addition to the golf tournament, Bill also participates in the annual AzMN "Living With Myeloma Conference" each spring.

He explains, "It's important for all myeloma patients, or any cancer patient, to know about the disease, and to know the treatments that are available. The conference is invaluable if you're a multiple myeloma patient because you're not only here to listen to the doctors, but you're interacting with other myeloma patients."

Jack Kavanagh, a 21-year myeloma survivor and a Co-Founder of AzMN, says, "The Golf Tournament is our major fundraiser, and we very much appreciate the sponsorship of the UA. Money raised helps keep our Arizona programs going, and it is also a very fun day!"

This year, the AzMN/UA Cancer Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Course located at 7505 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. The tournament will have a 'Cowboy/Western' theme and celebrates the courage and 'grit' of the American Southwest and those who are battling myeloma and other cancers. It will feature a super raffle, celebrity players, awards and a live and silent auction. Breakfast and a barbeque buffet are included for golfers and are available at \$35 per person for non-golfers.

Golfers wishing to register for the tournament or those wishing to make a donation can visit the AzMN website at: [www.azmyelomanetwork.org/what/golf\\_tournament.html](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org/what/golf_tournament.html). For additional information, contact Golf Tournament Manager Debbie Waitkus, Golf for Cause at [dwaitkus@golfforcause.com](mailto:dwaitkus@golfforcause.com), 602.840.0607 or Barbara Kavanagh at 623.388.6837.

**About United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters and Sprinklerfitters**

*\*Founded in 1889, the UA is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 340,000 highly-skilled UA members belonging to more than 300 local unions across North America.*

**About Arizona Myeloma Network**

*Myeloma is a complex and often misdiagnosed cancer of bone marrow plasma cells that attacks and destroys the bone. Founded in 2004, the Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization that conducts outreach events and education programs, with special consideration for the underserved African-American, Asian-Pacific, Hispanic American and Native American populations. Volunteers and donations are always welcomed – see [www.azmyelomanetwork.org](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org).*

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Jack Kavanagh, Founder AZMN; Bill Hite, UA General President; Pat Hite; Barbara Kavanagh, Founder AZMN; Dr. Robert Kyle, Mayo Clinic Rochester, MN; Dr. Joseph Mikhael, Mayo Clinic, AZ; at AZMN 6th Annual "Living With Myeloma" Conference 2012.