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**PHILANTHROPY TAKES THE FIELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 WITH THE FOURTH  
EVERGREEN INVITATIONAL**

**CHICAGO (June 4, 2012)** –Top-ranked national and international horse riders will take the field on September 8, 2012 for the fourth Evergreen Invitational Equestrian Grand Prix, one of the Midwest’s most respected charity competitions. Hosted by MK Pritzker and The Woman’s Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, the prestigious and highly anticipated event will be held at the Pritzker’s 230-acre farm in Bristol, Wis. All proceeds will benefit world-class women’s health programs at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

As in previous years, both Junior/Amateur Owner Classic and Grand Prix courses will be designed by Richard Jeffrey, who is known for his creative and challenging designs. Both competitions will be held on the outdoor grass field, where riders can expect difficult turns, angles and combinations. Comfortable, permanently roofed show barns will be available for all visiting competitors, as well as stalls, wash racks and spacious aisles for ideal showing arrangements. A hospitality tent with catered food will also be available to riders, trainers and barn members. An exhibitor welcome reception and poker party will be hosted on the evening of Friday, September 7.

Also returning this year will be the Promenade of Shops, a tented area of luxury retailers. Guests will have the opportunity to browse shops throughout the entire event, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The \$25,000 Junior/Amateur Owner Classic will kick off the day promptly at 10:30 a.m. After guests enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in between classes, the course will be transitioned to the \$75,000 Grand Prix course for a 1:00 p.m. start time. A Winner Presentation at 2:30 p.m. will conclude the event.

Since its inception, the Evergreen Invitational has attracted over 600 guests and raised more than \$3 million for traditionally-underfunded programs at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

For more information about the Evergreen Invitational or to register as a competitor, please visit [www.evergreeninvitational.org](http://www.evergreeninvitational.org) or call Kate Geraldi at 847-224-3854.

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