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**10th ANNUAL PORT FREEPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS
BENEFITING TEXAS PORT MINISTRY**

FREEPORT, TX (December 22, 2021) – During the December 16th meeting, the Port Freeport Commission and staff presented a check in the amount of \$66,000 from the proceeds of the 10th Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament to Bobby Fuller, Director of Texas Port Ministry.

The golf tournament was held on October 18, 2021, at The Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson, Texas, with a two-flight foursome scramble format. A total of 135 players, over 75 sponsors, and the efforts of our volunteers made the tournament a success.

“Port Freeport is dedicated to giving back to our community and, in particular, supporting the efforts of those groups that work directly with individuals who come into contact with the Freeport Harbor Channel community,” said Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff. “Vessel traffic along the Freeport Harbor Channel has grown tremendously over the last 10 years and as it continues to grow, so is the demand for Texas Port Ministry services. The \$66,000 raised this year will assist Texas Port Ministry as they continue their important humanitarian service for those that come to Port Freeport from across the globe,” said Saathoff.

Texas Port Ministry provides for spiritual, social, and physical needs of mariners, truckers, and port workers within the Freeport Harbor Channel community. Their center provides transportation services through the secure Port facilities for shore-level access. Additionally, it has accommodations such as comfort stations, communications stations, and areas to log downtime. Each year, Texas Port Ministry impacts over 10,000 international seafarers from over 50 countries, over 150,000 truck drivers, and many local port workers. The work of the ministry is completely funded through donations and through the service of over 40 volunteers representing 20 area

churches.

“On behalf of the Port Commission, I would like to thank Texas Port Ministry for the services they provide, and extend a huge thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, and staff for their commitments each year,” said Port Commission Chairman John Hoss. “It has been an honor to host the annual tournament these past 10 years and I am proud of our staff for making it a successful community event. The generosity of our sponsors and their teams, the dedication of volunteers from Texas Port Ministry, Texas A&M University-Galveston student maritime organization, and the efforts of our staff helped make the tournament possible,” said Hoss.

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Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 11th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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PHOTO CUTLINE: Port Freeport Commission and staff present a \$66,000 check to Texas Port Ministry.