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PORT FREEPORT'S 15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT DRIVES RECORD-BREAKING SUPPORT FOR TEXAS PORT MINISTRY

FREEPORT, TX (November 23, 2026) – Port Freeport's Commission and staff presented a record $93,500 contribution to Texas Port Ministry (TPM) during the November 19 Port Commission meeting, marking another successful year of community support through the 15th Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament. The funds will directly support TPM's mission to provide spiritual, social, and physical care to seafarers, truck drivers, and port workers serving the Freeport Harbor Channel community.

Held October 26 at The Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson, the tournament brought together 38 teams comprising 142 players, 83 sponsors, and more than 20 volunteers from the maritime industry and local business community. This year's record net proceeds bring the cumulative amount raised for Texas Port Ministry over the past 15 tournaments to $877,700, reflecting the continued generosity and commitment of Port Freeport's industry and community partners.

"The success of this tournament reflects the strength of our maritime community and its commitment to giving back," said Port Commission Chairman Rob Giesecke. "Reaching a new fundraising record in our 15th year is an achievement we can all be proud of. We sincerely thank the sponsors, players, and volunteers whose generosity continues to make a meaningful difference for those served by Texas Port Ministry."

Founded in 1974, Texas Port Ministry serves the Freeport Harbor Channel community through a dedicated network of more than 40 volunteers representing 20 area churches. The ministry provides essential services, including port-wide transportation, comfort stations, and communication facilities. Each year, TPM serves more than 20,000 international seafarers from over 50 countries, approximately 150,000 truck drivers from across North America, and numerous local port workers. Its operations are funded entirely through donations.

"Texas Port Ministry plays an important role in supporting the people who keep our port and regional economy moving," said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director and CEO of Port Freeport. "Our longstanding partnership reflects Port Freeport's commitment to serving the maritime community beyond our terminals. We are grateful for the continued generosity of our sponsors and community partners who help make this support possible year after year."

Port Freeport extends its appreciation to the sponsors, participants, volunteers, and staff whose contributions made the 15th Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament another record-breaking success.

Platinum Sponsors – Enterprise Products, Waste Masters of Texas; *Gold Sponsors* – Brazos Pilots Association, Enbridge, Freeport LNG, McCarthy Building Companies, Vulcan Materials Company *Silver Sponsors* – Bay-Houston Towing Co., BTEL, Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, Gulf Stevedoring, Gulf Stream Marine, I.L.A. Local 1817, Suderman & Young Towing, West Gulf Maritime Association; *Bronze Sponsors – AMPORTS,* BBC Chartering, Callan Marine Ltd., First State Bank, Inchcape, Miles Electric Service LLC, Phillips 66, Ports America, Riviana, Stronghold Vegetation Management, T&T Group, LLC,; *Golf Balls Sponsor* – I.L.A. Local 30; *Beverage Cart Sponsors* –Matt Allen, Brandei Goolsby, Freeport Mooring & Marine, Gulf LNG Services, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District (ILA), Terracon, Trilogy Resources; *Lunch Sponsors* –Apollo Men's Health, Dole Fresh Fruit, iAD Architects, MEGlobal, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District (ILA); *Tent and Hole Sponsors – Current Power Technologies, Denali*

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PHOTO CUTLINE: Port Freeport Commission and staff present a $93,500 check to Texas Port Ministry, representing proceeds from the 15th Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament.