

**RYDEX SPONSORS 5TH ANNUAL SKIP VIRAGH MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT
FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH**
Proceeds benefit the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center

June 4, 2008...Rockville, MD...Rydex Investments is teeing up for the fifth consecutive year to help raise awareness and find a cure for pancreatic cancer. The firm today announced its sponsorship of the Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic on June 9 at The Golf Club at Lansdowne in Lansdowne, Va. The annual tournament honors late Rydex Investments' founder and mutual funds pioneer A.P. "Skip" Viragh, who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2003. Proceeds from the event, which raised more than \$265,000 last year, will benefit the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, and this year are expected to exceed a total of \$1 million.

"Skip was a vibrant leader who left a lasting mark on the financial services industry with the introduction of inverse and leveraged mutual funds," says Rydex CEO Carl Verboncoeur. "His contributions to the industry were overshadowed only by his profound commitment to helping others. Rydex and Security Benefit are proud to carry on his legacy by supporting this event."

Since the first Memorial Golf Classic in 2004, the event has raised \$850,000, making it the largest charitable fundraiser to benefit the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. Proceeds have been used to fund breakthrough research, including the development of a vaccine against pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Pancreatic cancer has been called "*the challenge of the 21st Century,*" yet receives the least federal funding of any major, life-threatening cancer in the U.S.

"I can't think of a better way to honor Skip's memory and further much needed pancreatic cancer research efforts than to pass the \$1 million mark this year," says Becky Alexander, honorary chairperson for Skip Viragh Charities. "We're looking forward to another successful event. And we're excited that the Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic continues to advance the work needed to find an early detection method—and ultimately a cure—for this deadly disease."

As lead sponsor of the event, Rydex Investments will donate \$30,000 to benefit the Kimmel Center and further fund pancreatic cancer research. Other corporate sponsors include Goldman Sachs, Standard & Poor's, Next Investments and Morgan Lewis.

An avid golfer, Viragh displayed great generosity within his community. Through his creation of a charitable group at Rydex, the company continues to support local Washington, D.C. charities such as The Make-A-Wish® Foundation, the Salvation Army's Christmas Gift Drive, the Capital Area Food Bank and American Red Cross Blood Drives.

To learn more about pancreatic cancer or to support this year's Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic, visit www.skipviraghgolf.com.

About Skip Viragh Charities

Skip Viragh Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established for the dual purpose of: (1) augmenting financial support at leading research institutions to find an early detection method for pancreatic cancer, reduce the mortality rate and eradicate the disease; and (2) assisting organizations that strive to enhance the quality of life for children with serious health problems. Current beneficiaries include The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, an international leader in pancreatic cancer research, and The Make-A-Wish Foundation[®], a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening illnesses.

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