

**ANNUAL SKIP VIRAGH MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC RAISES MORE THAN
\$260,000 TO HELP FUND PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH**

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Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center*

August 13, 2007...Rockville, MD...Having fun for a good cause is par for the course at Rydex Investments. The Rydex-sponsored Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic last month raised more than \$260,000 to help fund pancreatic cancer research. Held at the Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md., the event honored late Rydex Investments founder and mutual fund pioneer A.P. “Skip” Viragh, who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2003. Over the last four years, proceeds from the annual tournament total approximately \$850,000, making it one of the largest charitable fundraisers to benefit the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center.

“Although Skip may have succumbed to his battle with pancreatic cancer, his commitment to helping others and his generosity live on,” says Carl Verboncoeur, chief executive officer at Rydex Investments. “Rydex is pleased to carry on his legacy by supporting the Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic.”

The fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, pancreatic cancer presents a unique challenge to patients because it is difficult to detect early and the pancreas is resistant to standard chemotherapy treatments. Proceeds from the Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic play an important role in funding breakthrough research at Johns Hopkins, including the development of a vaccine against pancreatic cancer.

“These funds have given us tools to explore some of the world’s most novel treatments in pancreatic cancer so that, one day, we may help patients live longer with less toxic treatments—we see this as Skip’s legacy,” says Daniel Laheru, M.D., assistant professor of oncology at the Johns Hopkins cancer center.

In addition to leaving a lasting impact on the financial services industry with the invention of inverse and leverage mutual funds, Skip Viragh displayed great generosity within his community. Today the Skip Viragh Charities continue Skip’s work of helping others through events like the Skip Viragh Memorial Golf Classic. Also, through Skip’s 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.

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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