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**Independent Financial Group Awards \$40,000 to Charities**  
***Junior Blind of America, Challenged Athletes Foundation & Mitchell Thorp Foundation***  
**Donations total over \$250,000 since the Company's Founding**

SAN DIEGO, CA - Independent Financial Group, LLC (IFG) a San Diego-based independent broker-dealer has announced today that three local non-profit organizations will benefit from donations totaling \$40,000.00. As part of their ongoing charitable philosophy and commitment to the San Diego community, donations will be awarded to: *The Challenged Athletes Foundation, Junior Blind of America and the Mitchell Thorp Foundation.*



Bill Walton accepts a \$20,000.00 donation to the Challenged Athletes Foundation on Friday, August 9, 2013.  
From L to R: IFG Managing Directors – David Fischer, Scott Heising and Joe Miller

At IFG's National Conference this year, NBA Hall-of-Famer Bill Walton accepted the donation on behalf of the *Challenged Athletes Foundation* and gave a resounding keynote address.

“When we began Independent Financial Group, it was always known that when financially possible, we would give back to our community”, comments Scott Heising, Founder, Owner and Managing Director. He continues, “We have been fortunate enough that our firm has been able to share our success and empower those in need in our communities.”

### **About Independent Financial Group’s Charities**

For more than 6 years, Independent Financial Group has awarded over \$250,000 in contributions to numerous charities, including local schools.

In 2006, their first charitable donation was made to the *Choose Living Foundation*; inspired by record-breaking triathlete and ESPY award winner, Jim MacLaren. Through this philanthropic relationship, Independent Financial Group maintained an ongoing friendship with MacLaren until his passing in 2010. His vision of supporting disabled athletes through his foundation inspired the athletic community and launched the creation of the *Challenged Athletes Foundation*.

The Mission of the *Challenged Athletes Foundation* is to provide opportunity and support to people with physical disabilities so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. The *Junior Blind of America* helps children and adults who are visually impaired achieve independence. Through advocacy, events and education *The Mitchell Thorp Foundation* supports families whose children suffer from life-threatening illnesses, diseases and disorders.

Independent Financial Group also participates in the annual *Toys for Tots* drive, a non-profit event coordinated by the United States Marine Corps. In partnership with our troops, IFG supports children in need each year during the holiday season.

### **About Independent Financial Group**

Independent Financial Group (IFG) is an independent broker-dealer firm located in San Diego, California. IFG recently achieved Honor Roll status with Inc. Magazine; as a result of their 5-year ranking on the Inc.500|5000 List. This year, IFG ranks #126 in Financial Services. IFG has been recognized each year by the San Diego Business Journal and was the #1 Fastest-Growing Private Company in San Diego in 2006. The company currently maintains over 500 financial advisors with more than 250 offices in 36 states across the country. For more information on Independent Financial Group, LLC visit [www.ifgsd.com](http://www.ifgsd.com) or call (800) 269-1903.

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