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Waterford Kettering Graduate Chris Strong to be Honored at Waterford Foundation for Public Education Golf Outing

May 19, 2011 Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford Foundation for Public Education will hold its Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 20, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, at Fountains Golf and Banquet in Clarkston. Each year the Foundation Golf Outing honors an outstanding graduate from the Waterford School District who has achieved success and is active in service to her or his community. This year's honoree is Chris Strong, a 1970 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School.

Strong joined the Waterfall Jewelers family business in 1985 and recently opened Waterfall Jewelers II in White Lake as a partner with her brother and nephews. Her entrepreneurship began long before the jewelry business. Strong and her husband Joe opened their first restaurant, Office Lounge, in Midland, Michigan and later opened a Burger King franchise in Houston, Texas.

Strong attended Waterford Village Elementary School, Pierce Junior High, and graduated from Kettering High School in 1970. She earned her degree in business from Michigan State University. Married to Joe for 39 years, they have two sons; John F. Strong IV and Adam Strong. They reside in Waterford.

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Established in 1984, the mission of the Waterford Foundation is to recognize and promote excellence in teaching and learning. The Waterford Foundation was created to generate private funding, in the form of grants, to support innovative curricular programs not funded through the Waterford School District. In its 26th year of existence, the Waterford Foundation has awarded over \$1 million to the staff and students of the District to finance research and equipment, special materials, science and math workshops, and a variety of instructional projects and programs.

The Waterford Foundation operates through contributions, grants, memorials, and fundraisers. Other Waterford Foundation recognition programs include: Teacher of the Year, Select Fifty, the Al Dittrich Memorial Scholarship, and the Waterford Alternative High School Most Improved Award.

For golf outing ticket information or sponsorship inquiries call Fountains Golf & Banquet at 248.625.3731. All donations are tax deductible.

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