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**OIL SANDS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC  
RAISES \$34,000 FOR WOOD BUFFALO FOOD BANK**

**Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada (September 24, 2020)** – The 35<sup>th</sup> annual **Oil Sands Charity Golf Classic** has raised **\$34,000** in support of the **Wood Buffalo Food Bank**. On September 15 at Miskanaw Golf Course, 136 golfers from the oil sands industry gathered to support the region’s Food Bank, which has suffered immensely due to the recent flooding, and of course, the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our mission has always been to ensure food security for all citizens in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo,” says **Dan Edwards**, Executive Director of Wood Buffalo Food Bank. “We are grateful to EventWorx and the golfers and sponsors, as well as the industry, for choosing the Food Bank as the beneficiary of this great gift. Donations such as this allow us to provide for the immediate need of food for families and vulnerable persons during these turbulent times.”

The **Oil Sands Charity Golf Classic** has traditionally been held during the Oil Sands Trade Show & Conference in September every year, which was postponed until June 2 & 3, 2021 due to the pandemic. Deploying a safe, socially-distanced golf tournament, organizer EventWorx decided to go ahead with the Golf Classic despite not hosting the trade show and conference.

“Although we had to reschedule the Oil Sands Conference & Trade Show, hosting the Oil Sands Charity Golf Classic benefits the Wood Buffalo Food Bank and the community, so cancelling was not an option.” says **Wes Scott**, CEO of EventWorx. “We want to express our gratitude to our sponsors and golfers who pulled together and partners with EventWorx to make the tournament a resounding success.”

In the last year, **9,591** hampers were distributed from the Wood Buffalo Food Bank, and **17,874** people were fed. The Alberta economy, the pandemic, and flooding of Fort McMurray have all contributed to the desperate need for food security. For more information on how to help the Food Bank, visit <https://woodbuffalofoodbank.com/>.

The Oil Sands Conference & Trade Show will be held June 2 & 3, 2021 in Fort McMurray at Suncor Community Leisure Centre. For more information, visit [www.oilsandstradeshow.com](http://www.oilsandstradeshow.com).

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