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10th Annual Starbelly Golf Outing a Great Success ***Local Band Hosts Golf Tournament To Benefit The Arc NCR***

[Aberdeen]--The local band, Starbelly raised \$8,000 to benefit The Arc NCR at their 10th annual charity golf tournament on July 27, 2012 at Ruggles Golf Course. The band members donated their time and music to over 120 tournament golfers.

Joseph McKeever, an employee with the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, and his close friend, Dennis Schocket, a local musician from the band, Starbelly, organized the first charity golf tournament for The Arc NCR in 2003, and since then, the event has morphed into an annual fundraiser that takes place every July and has netted over \$35,000 to date.

"We wanted to find something that was local, where all the money stayed right here in the area," McKeever said. As it turned out, he and Schocket were invited to one of the agency's open-houses and were then convinced that The Arc NCR was an organization they had to support. "They gave us the whole tour, and we met a lot of the people who get services there," McKeever recalled. "It's a fantastic organization for giving people a better life." The tournament runs smoothly because of the work McKeever, Schocket and the volunteers put into the planning.

"While we've had multiple repeat sponsors for the tournament, only **Country Club Specialties** has sponsored the tournament for all 10 years." McKeever said.

Special thanks to the 2012 Starbelly Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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For more information on Starbelly band or the golf tournament, contact Joe McKeever at starbellymusic@aol.com or visit the Starbelly Website, www.starbellygolf.com.

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