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## Support the Ali Meyer Foundation Golf Tournament: Denver Dealer Honors Daughter's Memory Through Children's Hospital Fundraiser



In Denver, Colorado, the local office products and office furniture communities are getting ready for a unique golf tournament that serves as a fundraiser for a very special cause.

The event, the annual Ali Meyer Foundation Golf Tournament, is organized by Dennis Meyer of the Office Liquidators dealership in Denver and his wife, Val, to honor the memory of their daughter Ali, who died in 2002 at age 13, the victim of a hit and run drunk driver.

Fully 100% of proceeds from the tournament will go to benefit Denver's Children's Hospital Foundation to provide medical assistance to needy children and education on the dangers of drunk driving.

Since its inception in 2004, the Foundation has raised over \$130,000 and bought wheelchairs and similar rehabilitation items for children in need.

"The Foundation is our way of honoring Ali by making a difference in the lives of the many young people who seek recovery at The Children's Hospital," explains Dennis.

Participation at this year's tournament is expected to break the 100 mark for the first time, with the help of a strong contingent of industry members.

The HON Company has supported the effort from Day One and other major sponsors include S.P. Richards, DMI Office Furniture, National Office Furniture and Friant Office Furniture.

In addition, local dealers and reps regularly send their own teams along to the links-style course which is rated one of the best golf course in Denver.

Funds raised by the annual tournament have increased every year and Dennis is hoping for more of the same, when the golfers head for the tees at Golden's Fossil Trace Golf Course on July 30.

The goal this year is \$25,000 and Dennis and his team are actively looking for sponsors to help make that happen.

You can learn more about Ali's Foundation at [www.alimeyer.org](http://www.alimeyer.org). Even if you won't be in Denver for the tournament, Dennis will be more than happy to take a check, payable to The Ali Meyer Foundation, 6960 South Polo Ridge Drive, Littleton, CO 80128. Or contact him at 303-759-3375 or [dennisandvalmeyer@alimeyer.org](mailto:dennisandvalmeyer@alimeyer.org).

## Amazon.com Launches New B2B Website, Will Start Collecting TX State Sales Tax



Amazon.com, already the world's largest Internet reseller, has launched AmazonSupply ([www.amazonupply.com](http://www.amazonupply.com)), a new website targeting business and industrial customers.

The site offers more than 500,000 items, including basic office supplies and janitorial items as well as lab and scientific equipment, power and hand tools, material handling items and more. Delivery is free on orders over \$50.

According to Forbes magazine columnist Walter Loeb, the site lists 11 computer papers, 250 chairs and sofas, 81 desk chairs, 70 task chairs, 68 executive chairs and 26 stools.

It also offers 71 different toilet tissues, as well as brooms, hand soaps, paper towels and trash bags, according to Loeb.

Separately, Amazon announced it will begin to collect and remit sales tax in Texas, effective July 1.

Amazon made the announcement in a joint statement with Texas comptroller of public accounts Susan Combs.

"We thank Amazon for partnering with us to find a solution that works for our state," said Combs. "This is an important step in leveling the playing field in Texas; however, Congress should enact federal legislation that will give states access to revenues that are already due, which would resolve this issue fairly for all retailers and all states."

## Office Depot Recalls Desk Chairs Due to Fall Hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada last month announced Office Depot has issued a voluntary recall of its Office Depot Brand Biella Leather Desk Chair.

The chairs were sold exclusively by Office Depot at its retail stores and online from January 2002 through December 2008 for about \$55.

The Commission said the chairs pose a fall hazard to consumers because the weld connecting the seat plate to the gas lift can fail, causing the chair to separate from the base.



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