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## **\$110,000 raised for Candlelighters at Alterna's Annual Golf Classic**

**Ottawa, ON - (June 13, 2018)** – On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Alterna Savings' 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic raised an incredible \$110,000 at the GreyHawk Golf Club. Proceeds will support Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support programs.

“As a community-based organization, we are committed to making a difference in the communities where we live, work and play, “ said Rob Paterson, President & CEO at Alterna Savings. “Alterna is proud to support the Candlelighters and their efforts to provide programs and services to young cancer patients, and their families, receiving treatment. By supporting a great organization like Candlelighters, we attempt to make a difference in the National Capital Region for all families coping with childhood cancer.”

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Alterna Savings Charity Golf Classic enables us to support the Candlelighters eReaders program. For both children with cancer and their parents, e-Readers provide a quick, easily transportable means to access resources related to the cancer diagnosis and a positive way to occupy themselves throughout treatments recovery. As a not-for-profit volunteer organization, Candlelighters offers strength and support to childhood and young cancer patients and their families throughout the National Capital and surrounding region.

“The out-of-pocket costs incurred by families when their child is receiving treatment, can feel like a tremendous burden to parents and caregivers of cancer patients,” says Jocelyn Lamont, Executive Director at Candlelighters. “As you can imagine, these families have many extra costs such as travelling for treatments, parking fees at hospitals, medications which may not be covered by insurance, and much more – all while parents are often having to take time off work without pay to be at their child's side. At Candlelighters, we try to lessen the added stress of increased costs, as well as provide resources that help improve the recovery experience for the whole family.”

### **About Alterna**

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