



What's New at Chi Chi's

October 2017

Chi Chi Foundation receives Raymond James Community Impact Award at Tampa Bay Rays Baseball game!



Top: Raymond James SVP Doug Brigman and the Rays present the check for \$25,000 to the five charities; Middle: Eric Dixon, Mallory Hubbard and Board Finance Advisor Chris Butler pose with the check; Bottom: Mallory Hubbard throws the Ceremonial First Pitch to Eric Dixon with the other four charities.



Raymond James and the Tampa Bay Rays established the Raymond James Community Impact Award back in 2013 to recognize non-profit organizations that have made a positive impact on the Tampa Bay community. As part of the award, Chi Chi's Foundation received a \$5,000 donation, tickets for the Press Box Suite during a home game as well as a pre-game interview with the Rays Radio Network discussing our mission. On September 30th, Superintendent Eric Dixon and Director of Development Mallory Hubbard joined Raymond James Senior Vice President Doug Brigman on the field for a check presentation to the five Community Impact Award Winners (Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Ronald McDonald House, and the YMCA). Chi Chi's team along with the other award winners also took part in a ceremonial first pitch!



Left: Academy Executive Committee members, supporters and Chi Chi team members with their families enjoyed the June 24th game in the Press Box; Right: Rays Radio Broadcaster Neil Solondz interviews COO James Poulter and Director of Development Mallory Hubbard about our mission for children.



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th
Chi Chi Golf Club/Nielsen

Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event
Sunday, December 17th
Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert- Amalie Arena



Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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**Hurricane Irma brought a fun
visitor to campus!**

The Foundation had a surprise visit from Chi Chi and Iwalani Rodriguez prior to Hurricane Irma. Chi Chi spent time with the teams at both the Golf Club and Sports Complex while here on campus. Hurricane Irma did cause some minor damage to the campus but thanks to hard working team members and our dedicated volunteers the golf course was closed for only two days and the Academy buildings remain a safe and healthy environment for our students. And the storm didn't stop our students from working hard on their studies, Director Chris Hoffman handed out snack bar certificates to all of the students who managed to read at least 30 minutes each day they were off for the Hurricane.

Top: Academy Director Chris Hoffman hands out snack bar certificates to the students who read every day they had off for Hurricane Irma; Middle: Chi Chi Rodriguez visits with Sports Complex Operations Manager Doug Curls and team member Chris Houghton; Bottom: Academy Executive Committee Member Richard Wegman works on the Pump House after the storm.



Top: Academy Director Chris Hoffman, and Foundation CEO Cary Stiff with Florida Council of 100's David Dyer (Chair, PreK-12 Education Committee), Bob Ward (President & CEO), John Kirtley (Vice Chair, PreK-12 Education Committee), Frank Rodriguez and Steven Birnholz (Vice President for Research); Bottom: the group observed a math lesson in the 5th grade classroom

**Florida Council of 100 visits
the Academy**

The Florida Council of 100 was invited for a Chi Chi site visit by Board Chairman Tom James. Their mission is to lead the nation in preparing lifelong learners by providing them with high-quality, customizable educational options and tools. Council members were visiting Chi Chi's to see how our partnership with Pinellas School District and the City of Clearwater has gained success. According to the Council's values statement it's critical that "public and private relationships must be fostered, leveraged, and institutionalized." Most importantly they believe "students must be provided with as many learning environments and educational options as possible." At Chi Chi's we provide a unique learning environment that aligns with this vision.

Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 18 tee markers include Did You Know Facts that share the story of the Foundation and its educational programs to over 45,000 golfers each year. Each hole is sponsored by a supporter, like Hole #10 below:



The primary goal of the Academy is to increase high school graduation rates.