

What's New at Chi Chi's

November/December 2013

Volunteer Spotlight: Bill Ayo

Congratulations to Bill Ayo as the Volunteer of the Year. After retiring from 34 years with Allstate Insurance as Human Resources Manager of Florida and raising two sons, Bill wanted to find a purposeful way to spend his time. In May 2011, he began volunteering at the Chi Chi Sports Complex and last year alone put in over 350 hours of work. This Tampa native is a University of South Florida alumni and enjoys giving back to his community. His hard work and dedication on our behalf is valued and appreciated.

Bill Ayo at the Sports Complex



"It's been a great transition from corporate to retirement. It is wonderful giving back to the community and being a part of a nonprofit making a difference." Bill Ayo, Sports Complex

Fifteen Tampa Bay Rays' employees donated 75 man hours of their time to improve the Boys & Girls Club.



Event Spotlight: The Tampa Bay Rays

An Employee Community Outreach Team recently volunteered over 75 man hours in one day completing extensive painting, repairs and clearing of underbrush at the Boys & Girls Club. Students were also excited to see the colorful Raymond mural in their tablet lab. The work gives our students, teachers, and volunteers a tremendous sense of pride in knowing how much others care about their school campus.

"We had a wonderful time volunteering and contributing to the beautification of the onsite Boys and Girls Club, and we also had an opportunity to discover all of the tremendous work that is being done for the youth of our community here. " Darcy Calhoun, Rays Employee Community Outreach Team (ECOT)

Student Spotlight: Honor Roll Breakfast

Recognizing student achievement, October Honor Roll awards were distributed to 6th, 7th and 8th grades six weeks into the 2013-2014 school year. Ten students with outstanding accomplishments enjoyed the honor roll breakfast before participating in the award ceremony. Fifty percent of these students also received Perfect Attendance for this grading period.

Courtney Woolley, eighth grader: "I felt really good because this was the first time I made Honor Roll!"

6th Graders: Nila Johnson, Eric Sykes, Rebecca Todd - 7th Graders: Nick Cimillo, James Warren, Emaja Washington - and 8th Graders: Jessica Dornan (absent), Marcos Penabad, Chloe White, Courtney Woolley



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Bimbo Bakeries supplied the tent and helped man the booth at the recent America's Night Out on Crime at Super Target.

Event Spotlight: America's Night Out

The 30th Annual America's Night Out on Crime, held at Super Target on Gulf-to-Bay drew over 2,000 students and adults alike while promoting safety awareness in the community. Clearwater Police were present, along with K9, SWAT, Fire & Engine Rescue Demonstrations, Hospital Transport Ambulance, Big Cat Rescue and other partners. Chi Chi Academy Executive Committee members offered program information, putting games and prizes during the evening.

"It was a pleasure to represent the Academy and The First Tee of Clearwater. We had people of all ages stop by to try our putting practice and get information about our organization. It was a great day of community outreach."
Linda Damsky, Academy Executive

From the Newsroom: Fox News

FOX News featured Chi Chi for the conclusion of their four-week Hispanic Heritage Special on Fox & Friends, giving him a chance to highlight his Clearwater Academy. He is proud of our community and its commitment to children's education. The interview will be aired at the Chi Chi Charity Classic dinner, November 10, but can be seen at <http://bit.ly/19Ff2SS>. See and feel the energy behind this great humanitarian.

William Cooper on Facebook, "OUTSTANDING! Just watched the FOX Interview: great golfer and greater human being!"

Chi Chi Rodriguez at his home course in Puerto Rico this summer



New Chi Chi Team Spotlights: Eric Dixon and Jose Molina

We welcome Eric Dixon, Golf Course Superintendent coming from Timber Pines Community Association in Spring Hill. He grew up playing golf and being around the golf course industry, developing a passion for his career and the game. Jose Molina recently graduated from University of Central Florida and learned to play golf on Chi Chi's course as a child. His position is Program Services Coordinator assisting with Special Events and Development. He is glad to be back in his hometown and looks forward to making an impact working with the Foundation's fundraising efforts.



"Welcome! I can already see the energy and fresh ideas you both will be contributing to Chi Chi's, and you will be working with a great group of people!" Supporter Karin Stewart, RMC Ross Realty LLC

**Left, Eric Dixon - Golf Course Superintendent
 Right, Jose Molina - Program Services Coordinator**



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Academy Mission

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

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Upcoming Events—2013

**Chi Chi Charity Classic
 November 10 and 11**

Did You Know?

Chi Chi celebrated his 78th birthday on October 23rd.

Milestones:

Student population has almost tripled since 2008 with little increase in operating costs.

Academy was highly rated by the Florida Department of Education in 2011 and 2012.

Since 2010 the donor base has increased by 14.1% and donor revenue has increased by 62%.