



What's New at Chi Chi's Winter 2008

Footsteps of Champions pays tribute to past and current supporters who are accomplished in their respective industries. New inductees Tom James, Chairman of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, Inc. & CEO of Raymond James; Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Pinellas County School District Superintendent; and Jeff Corbett, board member and Senior Vice President of Progress Energy were honored this past November as our newest members. Their footprints can be found by the flag pole outside the pro shop next to names such as Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, former Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, Paul Azinger and of course Chi Chi Rodriguez.



Jeff Corbett, Dr. Clayton Wilcox, and Tom James



Jeff Corbett and Dr. Wilcox writing their names



Countryside Rotary Members with the 4th Grade Students

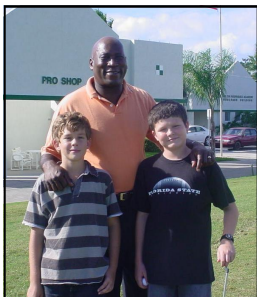
Thank you to The Rotary Club of Countryside: Rotary members donated 78 personal Webster dictionaries to our Academy students as part of a national Rotary education project. The kids were excited about having their very own book and the teachers report that students have enjoyed spending time looking up words and having fun with the geography maps in the dictionaries.



Thank you Chi Chi's Ladies: Established in 1989 the 51 member ladies' league has given over \$25,000 to the Academy educational programs. President Betty Ciancio presented this year's contribution to Cary Stiff, Senior VP and James Poulter, COO and Director of Golf. To join the Monday morning league call Sue Mangus, Membership Director at (727) 392-6381.



Cary Stiff, Betty Ciancio and James Poulter



Judge Jim Pierce with Logan and his "little brother" Anthony

Welcome Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas (BBBS): The First Tee After School Enrichment Program recently partnered with BBBS to provide a mentor for every child who wants one. Each mentor is matched carefully with a child after an interview with a BBBS site manager. The program takes place at the Bob James Education Center and is funded by a federal education grant. For information about becoming a Big Brother or Sister, contact Gerry Hazinski at (727) 726-8829.



PODS Championship Birdies for Charities: Make a Pledge for Chi Chi's Kids! Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities obtains pledges of one cent or more for each birdie made during the 2008 PODS Championship (March 6 - 9). Not only are you donating to the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy but you also have a chance to win prizes with your correct guess of birdies! Stop by our Pro Shop and pick up one of the pledge cards to record your guess. If you would like to know more about the Birdies program contact Mallory Hubbard at mallory@chichi.org. or call (727) 726-8829 x209.



Chi Chi Rodriguez and Lee Ralls

Congratulations 2007 Volunteer of the Year Ms. Lee Ralls: At the Chi Chi Charity Classic in November, Ms. Lee Ralls was announced as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year. When talking about volunteering with the Foundation, Lee says "I enjoy working with the Foundation very much. The rewards of seeing the look on the students' faces as they achieve self-esteem and their many other goals is priceless. It is a joy to be with them. They keep me young."



Do you ever wonder how parents feel about the Academy's impact on their child and family?

Parent Testimonial to Mrs. Lori VanderKlok, the fourth Grade teacher, after attending Back to School Night:

"I cannot thank you enough for what you do for your students. I saw your heart tonight and your enthusiasm and pride for them is contagious! I was thrilled to sit there and take in every word you said. I am so grateful for Austin to have the opportunity to be in your class this year. When I first stepped onto the campus last year, I instantly knew in my heart it was the place for Austin. He is so happy with you and Mrs. Melko. Thank you for challenging him and letting him fly. I really see a new child in just a few short months since he has been under your wings. Not only has it changed him, but myself and my husband as well. Thank you for all your love and care for these students." ~ Jill DuBois



The Outback Pro Am At TPC is coming up fast! To fulfill our requirements as one of the five non-profit event beneficiaries, we need to sign up 50 volunteers throughout the week of April 14 - 20th, 2008. To volunteer you can log on to the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy website at www.chichi.org to download the application or e-mail Mallory Hubbard at mallory@chichi.org.



USF SMART with Chi Chi and his kids

USF Health SMART Institute is partnering with the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy to bring sport safety awareness to the students. Through interactive technology and hands on activities, we are focusing on how to "Play SMART and Be Safe." Four main topics will be covered over a period of time that deal with important safety issues that children may encounter, such as Lightning Safety, Heat Illness, Injury Prevention and Injury Care. The intention of these lessons is to provide guidance on basic issues that will have an impact on them throughout their lives. Through education and interaction, the goal is to better prepare these students for their future.

Chi Chi Charity Classic Results: This 28th annual event raised \$202,000 for the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy this past November. Below are the winners of both days:

Sunday: 1st: Bobby Grace, Morgan Jackson, Danielle and Brian Grace
 2nd: Jim Glase, Jeff Glase, Tim Maxwell and Chuck Riggs
 3rd: Jim Hunter, Gil Day, Ray Goodman and Ray Lopez
 Putting: John Nicholas
 Longest Drive - Womens: Sharon Dagostino
 Longest Drive - Mens: Nick Klassen
 Closest to the Pin - Womens: Pat Eastman and Danielle Grace
 Closest to the Pin - Mens: Lou Dagnolo and Ray Goodman



Monday: 1st: Jim Hunter, Ray Goodman, Gil Day and Ray Lopez
 2nd: Jody Rotondo, Dave Roberson, Lou Dagnolo Sr & Lou Dagnolo Jr.
 3rd: Pat Eastman, Al Discenza and Dr. Jerry Odwyer
 Putting: Lou Antonetti
 Closest to the Pin - Womens: Micki Cuppet
 Closest to the Pin - Mens: Joe Parent



Happy Holidays!

