

What's New at Chi Chi's

January/February 2014

Donor Spotlight: Brad Ausdemore, General Manager, Oldsmar Walmart

Always a generous giver to his community, Brad often brings giant smiles to student, teacher and volunteer faces. As an Academy Executive Committee member, when he hears our need, he's right there providing school supplies, sports equipment, food, arranging for Walmart sponsorships and volunteering for the many committee tasks. We're grateful for his kind and loyal support.

Brad helps out with Cary Stiff and Wendy Hoffman at the 2013 Charity Classic



"Brad is an integral piece of the Chi Chi team. His work to help with events including the Clearwater Chamber Mix & Mingle as well as the Chi Chi Classic was a major reason for their success." Said Sean Tobe, Academy Executive Committee Member and Charity Classic co-chair.

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At the November event, seven students shared The First Tee Core Values at dinner Sunday evening as board member Fred Whaley looks on.

Event Spotlight: Charity Classic 2013

Event co-chairs Jessica Majeski, Katie Majeski and Sean Tobe proudly announce the 34th annual two-day Chi Chi Charity Classic was a huge success. Through sponsorships and an auction that raised \$31,000, the event will net close to \$200,000. Funds go directly to the Academy's general education programs that cost about \$650,000 per year. Thank you to our sponsors, including co-title sponsors Raymond James, JM Family Enterprises, Drummond Company and the Braddock Family.

"That is a fantastic job. The tournament and evening went perfect. Thanks to all." said Fred Whaley, Board of Directors member

Student Spotlight: Nate Sullenberger

Boys & Girls Club member Nate was honored with a new set of Callaway golf clubs for exhibiting the core values of sportsmanship and integrity taught at the Chi Chi Academy campus where the club is located. BGCA Board Member Jeff Munford won the clubs at a golf tournament a month ago and immediately turned them back over to be donated to a Chi Chi member. He said it made him feel great to be giving back and rewarding good values.

"Nate—Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and accomplishments in earning this special recognition. We are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in the future." Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Jeff Munford, Nate Sullenberger and The First Tee Program Director Tony Simpson





Event Spotlight: 505 Club Members

At Island Way Grill on Clearwater Beach last month, 505 members and guests gathered to raise funds for the Academy's student golf attire. Over \$20,000 has been raised by 505 members in recent years to purchase multiple golf shirts for each student. Thank you to Frank Chivas and Island Way Grill for donating an incredible buffet each year so that the \$10.00 entry fee goes directly to the Academy clothing fund. It's proven that there are four important elements to learning: attire, attitude, attendance and achievement. We score high in each of those elements thanks to our community



Left: Fifth Grader Izon in his Academy golf attire. Right: Frank Chivas, Board Member and Jack Harris, new 505 Club President, enjoy the evening.

**"My husband and I had a great time and we learned so much more about the Academy. Thank you for all you do to help the children."
Dale Harper, Academy supporter**

Student Spotlight: Happy Holidays

Celebration Station hosted the annual Christmas party and with the generosity and hard work of our donors each of the students took home one gift on their holiday wish list. Events like this allow us to teach our students interpersonal and social skills in environments outside of the classroom. We know that children who interact with responsible adults outside of school are less likely to engage in bad behavior and have higher self esteem.



Students and middle school teacher Josh Meurer enjoy the outdoor activities.

"I loved playing mini-golf and especially getting a gift." said Sean, 5th grade Academy student

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To follow Academy students on their journey to success.

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Chi Chi Golf Club

For course information and deals.

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The First Tee of Clearwater

For program information and to follow the students through the game of golf.

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Chi Chi Sports Complex

For driving range information and deals.

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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—2014

Chi Chi Rodriguez Pro Am
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Did You Know?

Classroom sizes in Pinellas County can reach a student-teacher ratio of 22:1? At the Academy we provide a student-teacher ratio of 9:1.

1 in 4 US Kid's don't know where their next meal is coming from?

Every school day Academy students can receive two hot meals and 1 snack.