



# What's New at Chi Chi's July & August 2012



**Middle School Graduates:** Thanks to generous donations 8th grade class members proudly wore caps and gowns for the first time as they said good bye to middle school. Most of these students have been with Chi Chi's since fourth grade and are now much better prepared to graduate from high school because of the additional support services received over the past five years.

**“ Half of our high school bound students were accepted to esteemed Pinellas County Magnet Career Academies, Fundamental or private high school programs. “**

**Jayne Pecci, Academy Director**



Chi Chi Graduates in their new cap and gown



Tom James, Chairman of the Board, Jim Coats , 2012 Chi Chi Humanitarian Award recipient and Frank Chivas, Vice Chair of the Board pictured L To R with Chi Chi Students and the new school bus at Raymond James Headquarters.

**Chairman Tom James** honors former Sheriff Jim Coats as the recipient of the 2012 Chi Chi Rodriguez Humanitarian Award at Art in the Park. Over 200 guests attended the event raising \$109,592.00 to support the Academy's annual educational programs.

Participating artists donated 50% of their sales back to the Academy . We thank artists Sam Brewster, Ray Cannata, Carrie Jadus, David O'Keefe, Charlie Parker, Lance Rodgers, Ernest Simmons and Ellen Vontillius for their generosity and our committee members for a successful evening.

**Blues Buffet Proceeds Renovate Kitchen:** The Johnny Ciao Blues Buffet net of \$1,600 helped pay for the Bob James Education Center kitchen makeover with new wall oven, stove top & floor. Thank you Johnny Ciao, Four Roses Bourbon, Dining Out Radio—Ken and Bill, Gallery WOO—Bill Correira for a great evening !

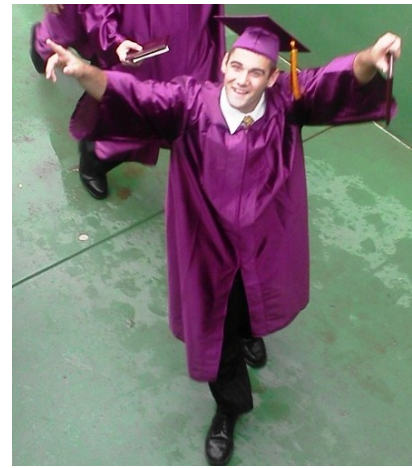
**“Chi Chi's Kids were delightful and they always give far more to me than I to them! “**

**Johnny Ciao, Celebrity Chef**



Johnny Ciao and Sarasota Slim

**Academy Graduate Spotlight:** Austin graduated from Countryside High in June and currently is employed at Frenchy's on Clearwater Beach. He plans to attend SPC. Following that his plans include attending UCF to study Physical Therapy.



Austin Pollard - He's a former Academy graduate now a high school graduate

**“ Chi Chi’s made me believe to never give up on learning. They taught me to dress properly and handle myself in social situations. Most of all the one on one time spent with my teachers in reading and science made all the difference for me in middle school and high school. “ Austin Pollard, 2012 Countryside Graduate**



Progress Energy Volunteer Painters meet some of the Chi Chi Students.



Nielsen Volunteer Painters with The First Tee Summer Campers

**Bob James Education Center and Jack’s Place on Chi Chi’s campus received a fresh coat of paint:** Thanks to Progress Energy and Nielsen volunteers, Chi Chi’s students have a brighter look to their school areas. Progress Energy volunteers undertook painting the Bob James Education Center and Nielsen’s volunteers tackled Jack’s Place in the Nicklaus Family Center. When the students return in the fall the freshly painted walls will be a nice surprise. Thank you Progress Energy and Nielsen.

**Chi Chi Charity Classic**  
 Sunday, November 11, 2012  
 Monday, November 12, 2012  
 For information contact Nancy Agnew  
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**Sign up for The First Tee Summer Camp**  
 July 2-5,  
 July 9-12  
 July 16-20  
 July 23-27  
 July 30-Aug 3  
 Aug 6-10  
 Aug 13-17

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