

# What's New at Chi Chi's

## March/April 2014

### Volunteer Spotlight:

#### Laureate International University

In February, 90 University Leadership volunteers from around the world contributed over 225 man-hours during a day of giving. Eight teams of workers laid sod, built a soccer goal, constructed a giant flower bed and painted the playground equipment, cart barn, and golf course bridges. A team also assisted students with homework and then joined them behind the Boys & Girls Club testing out the new soccer area and tossing footballs. Thanks go also to Laureate University, Head Golf Superintendent Eric Dixon and his team for their extraordinary efforts. Great student memories will be made by the work they left behind.

**"I love playing outside now with our new soccer goal and fort!" Wiley, 4th grade student**



**Volunteers & students get to know one another. See Academy Facebook page photos compliments of: Shannon Livingston.**



**Scott Tobe with his son Sean at 34th Annual Chi Chi Charity Classic.**

#### Donor Spotlight: Scott Tobe, Bimbo Bakeries USA

Volunteering and hard work run in the Tobe family. As an early supporter and long time Executive Committee member Scott donates not only his time but generously arranges for resources and sponsor funds from his company, Bimbo Bakeries. He is always quietly helping out whether its making phone calls or attending functions spreading the word about the mission of helping kids. The entire Tobe family is involved at Chi Chi's. Wife Laura volunteers for events, oldest son Sean is an Academy Executive Committee Member and Co-Chair of the annual Chi Chi Charity Classic, while youngest son Craig works in the pro shop. We appreciate you Scott!

**"I have been involved with Chi Chi's since we started The First Tee of Clearwater and believe in the programs that we have for the youth of our area. Bimbo Bakeries is very progressive in having their associates volunteer and the company believes in giving back to the community." Scott Tobe**

### Student Spotlight: Congratulations to Julian and Nathan, Boys & Girls Club at Chi Chi's Youths of the Year

On January 29th, four Academy Executive Committee Members participated as judges in the 2nd annual Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year interviews. The program instills good character into members and is an essential part of the Club's youth development experience. The six student participants filled out extensive applications and wrote essays displaying their community involvement, academic accomplishments and life goals. After much debate between the judges, they announced the winners for this year were 8th grader Julian and high school student Nathan. In February, Julian competed at the next level and was named Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year for the entire Suncoast! Thank you to our judges and congratulations to the participants!



**Judges and Academy Executive Committee Members (Top L to R): Brad Ausdemore, Scott Brown, Linda Damsky, Sean Tobe Youth (L to R): 8th graders Julian, Jonathan and Jessica, 6th grader Asaiya, 7th grader Emaja and High School student Nathan**

**"It truly was my pleasure to participate and get to meet such promising young adults." Scott Brown, Judge and Academy Executive Committee Member**

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**Top: The First Tee Chapters accept a check from Raymond.**



**Left: Academy student Nicolas threw out the ceremonial first pitch to catcher Jose Lobaton.**

### Event Spotlight: The First Tee Rays Night

A night full of lifetime memories for students happens again at The First Tee (TFT) Night Rays baseball game Saturday, June 21st. Last year two students from each local TFT chapter were on the field competing in a Closest to the Pin contest. Chi Chi student Nicolas got the thrill of his life throwing out the Ceremonial First Pitch. Thanks go out to Nielsen and Board member Elliott Ross for providing tickets so students and their families could attend this special evening.

Ticket Packages are a great value and are on sale for \$25. With the purchase of a ticket, receive coupons for free greens fees for up to four players at Chi Chi's and a free small bucket of balls at the Sports Complex. Contact Mallory Hubbard at (727) 726-8829 x 246 or [mallory@chichi.org](mailto:mallory@chichi.org) for more information.

**“Throwing out the first pitch was one of the coolest things I’ve ever done.”  
Nicolas, 5th grade student**

### Student Spotlight: Honor Roll

On February 4th, middle school’s 3rd grading period Honor Roll students were recognized with a pancake breakfast. These students, who struggled at previous public schools are thriving with the 9 to 1 student to teacher ratios and one-on-one help the Academy provides them each day. 7th grader Lucas received Honor Roll for the first time with 5 A’s and 2 B’s! Congratulations to these hard working students and their teachers who provide that extra help needed. It really paid off!



**Middle School Honor Roll Students (L to R): Elijah (6), Lucas (7), Nicholas (7), Asaiya (6), Emaja (7), Eric (6), Rebecca (6), and Rian (6)**

**“It’s a great experience to achieve something you’ve worked so hard for and wanted for so long.” Lucas, 7th grade first time Honor Roll student**

### Event Spotlight: Win Big for Kids and you! Join us for the 50/50 Drawing during the Valspar Championship presented by BB&T at Innisbrook

Support The First Tee of Clearwater (TFTC) by volunteering at the 50/50 Drawing, taking place March 13-16th, 2014 during the PGA event at Innisbrook. Shifts are 3 1/2 hours and when you’re not volunteering, enjoy the tournament with free parking and entry. Half of the money raised goes to the winning ticket number and half goes to support TFTC programs. Last year the winning number wasn’t claimed and TFTC raised \$14,900. Contact Jose Molina at (727) 726-8829 x 207 or [jose@chichi.org](mailto:jose@chichi.org) to sign up for a shift!



**The First Tee of Clearwater Participants during Summer Camp**

**“So many people were absolutely ready to contribute to Chi Chi's kids by just the mention of his name and the organization. The tickets sold themselves...I had so much fun greeting and talking to everyone and watching the action at the same time. It was effortless.” Bob Sutton, top winning seller last year**

### Academy Executive Committee

- Elliott Ross - Chair
- Brad Ausdemore
- Scott Brown
- Linda Damsky
- John Gross
- Hans Kaunath
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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 Academy Pro Am  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
Innisbrook North Course**

**Art Par Tee  
Sunday, April 27, 2014  
Raymond James Headquarters**

### Did You Know...?

The Foundation was one of four charities nominated for the Clearwater Regional Chamber Not-For-Profit of the Year?

Congratulations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas who won this year!

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