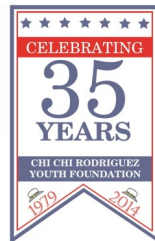


What's New at Chi Chi's



November/December 2014



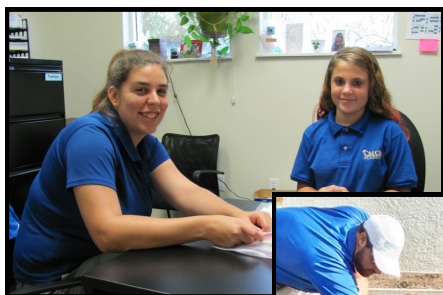
Dan Curtin

Volunteer Spotlight: Dan Curtin and Ivan Haase
Congratulations to these two dedicated gentlemen who were selected as the 2014 Volunteers of the Year. They donated over 700 hours last year working at the Golf Club and mentoring students. Dan has been with Chi Chi's for over 11 years as a starter two days a week. Ivan joined Chi Chi's five years ago helping in the cart barn and as a starter. Ivan also spends Tuesday mornings serving along with staff members as a shadow teacher to an Academy student. Volunteers are valuable role models to the students and help the Foundation do more with less. We are grateful to them for their service each week!



Ivan Haase

"I enjoy my volunteer efforts at Chi Chi's because I feel in a small way I am helping kids that need the extra motivation that they get as a student at Chi Chi's Academy." ~Ivan Haase



Top: 5th grader Renee with Ashley Cimillo working on daily accounting; Bottom: Golf Superintendent Eric Dixon working with students on maintaining a vegetable garden



Program Spotlight: Shadowing

On a rotating basis, students get to spend "Shadow" time with adults in every department of the Golf Club and Foundation. During these 45 minute session each week, staff members teach core parts of their job, including retail, customer service, donor relations, accounting, keyboarding and grounds maintenance. While learning about the various jobs, the students see how basic educational skills like math and reading are used on an every day basis. Teachers feel students are more enthusiastic when they see how the things they learn are involved beyond the classroom.

"Shadowing teaches me new things that I can use when I finish school." ~Hailey, 6th grade

Donor Spotlight: Valspar Championship hosts Ryder Cup Watch Breakfast for Tampa Bay Community

In September Academy Board Members and Executive Committee Members gathered at Courtside Grill in St. Pete to support the Ryder Cup Watch Breakfast hosted by Valspar Championship presented by BB&T. The event brought together all companies and nonprofits involved to celebrate the kickoff.

The PGA TOUR event provides support through the annual 50/50 donation and Chi Chi Pro Am held during event week at Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort. Combined, these two fundraisers provide approximately 23% of the annual support needed for the Academy's junior golf and educational programs. Stay tuned for more great news with Valspar Championship!

Valspar Championship presented by BB&T: March 9 - 15, 2015

"We are sincerely grateful for and delighted to receive financial support from the Valspar Championship." ~Scott Curtis, Board Member

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Board Members Phil Powell and Bob Basham at the Valspar Championship Ryder Cup Watch Breakfast



Left: Newly paved cart path behind hole 18; Right: Golf Club Superintendent Eric Dixon with Academy Executive Committee Member Richard Wegman

Volunteer Spotlight: Bob Baker & Richard Wegman replace damaged cart path

In August, major cart path renovations on holes 9, 10, 17 and 18 were completed. Thanks to the hard work of Academy Executive Committee Members Bob Baker and Richard Wegman, local businesses Bandes Construction, Seavey and Associates, and Sarnago and Sons donated supplies and labor valued at over \$7,000. Golf Course Superintendent Eric Dixon and his team worked alongside Richard for four days ending with a smooth new ride for golfers and students.

“The cart path was an important upgrade in improving safety for the daily golfer, The First Tee participants and the Academy students. We appreciated having Bandes Construction, Seavey and Associates and Sarnago and Sons donate this major improvement.” ~Richard Wegman, Academy Executive Committee Member

Program Spotlight: Toro and Audubon International present Live Green!

This October The First Tee of Clearwater hosted 35 participants who joined local volunteers to learn about golf course habitat and maintenance. Throughout the event, students built bird nest boxes to be placed on the course, laid sod and placed plants throughout the campus parking lot planters. Students also enjoyed learning about Toro equipment, the web of life on a golf course and how to place a cup on a green. Following their hard work, all enjoyed lunch thanks to Beef O’Brady’s Clearwater and Super Walmart in Oldsmar. Many thanks to Toro, Audubon International, The First Tee Home Office and our volunteers for making the day possible.



Top: 35 youth that participated in Live Green received T-shirts and made new friends; Bottom Left: Logan placing plants in the parking lot planters; Bottom Right: Superintendent Eric Dixon shows students how to cut a hole in a green

“I enjoyed putting down sod and making bird nest boxes, I had never done that before. I learned it was a lot of hard work but it was fun.” ~Nicolas, 6th grade

Donor Spotlight: Scott Brown

Scott has been involved with the Foundation since 2008 when his company *Our Family Fries* sponsored the Rockin’ The First Tee event. Our Family Fries manages four McDonalds chains throughout Pinellas County. For over four years, he has served on the Academy Executive Committee and the Chi Chi’s Christmas for Kids Committee (formerly Art in the Park and Art ParTee). We often count on Scott to provide McDonalds food for different Academy events throughout the year, including Chi Chi’s annual breakfast with the students and the Holiday Party. You can also see him volunteering during almost all events the Foundation puts on throughout the year. Thank you Scott for your loyal support not only at Chi Chi’s but throughout the Tampa Bay Area community!



Scott Brown with the Foundation’s COO James Poulter during the 2011 Art in the Park event.

“Scott genuinely cares about kids. His long standing participation on the Academy Executive Committee, community outreach and representing Chi Chi’s at various events are just a small part of all he does in our community.” ~Jessica Majeski, Board and Academy Executive Committee Member

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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 Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday,
November 16 & 17, 2014**

**Chi Chi Christmas for Kids
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Mahaffey Theater**

Did You Know...?

With Your Help

The First Tee of Clearwater could receive a **\$37,500** matching grant ?

We need to add 100 donors to our database by December 31 to qualify for this matching gift from Johnson & Johnson. Any donation amount helps bring us closer to this \$37,500 gift.

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