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# What's New at Chi Chi's



## September/October 2012

Thank you for supporting Chi Chi's Kids and for your faith in our stewardship of their futures. We are pleased to present the freshly designed newsletter published bi-monthly keeping you informed of our student progress, donor & volunteer recognition, upcoming events and general news. You'll find golf specials at the bottom both for play and instruction. Please remember all proceeds from golf help support education and children in our community. I invite you to call anytime for a campus tour to find out more about Chi Chi's mission to prepare students for the game of life.

Cary Stiff, Senior Vice President  
Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, Inc. - Operating the Programs of the Chi Chi Academy



Anne Finkelstein, General  
Manager Romano's Macaroni Grill

### Donor Spotlight: Anne Finkelstein

Anne moved to Florida 22 years ago from Massachusetts and fell in love with the weather, the gulf and golf. Her first golf lesson was at Chi Chi's. Since 1997 her interest in Chi Chi's has gone beyond golf and she has been supporting the educational programs as a major sponsor for Chi Chi Classic. She and her teammates provide full meals during the event and often during the year she shows up with surprise meals for staff. We appreciate her caring and kindness to those who work hard serving our students. We know the golfers look forward to the the feast from Romano's Macaroni Grill team each year. We appreciate her!

"I love playing here, it's a great way to spend time outdoors and help children at the same time." Anne

### Upcoming Events

#### Chi Chi Charity Classic

Sunday, November  
11 Monday,  
November 12  
[Click for Brochure](#)

#### Chi Chi Invitational

Monday, March 11,  
2013  
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Date](#)

**Art in the Park**  
Sunday, April 28,  
2013



**It's back to school and greeting students daily with a warm handshake is Academy Director, Jayme Pecci.**

### **The First Day of School**

Public School buses began rolling in at 8:20 am and five classrooms stood ready for the Academy's 14 teachers and coaches. They welcomed back 95 students in 4th - 8th grade. Each of the five classrooms in the elementary and middle school grades has 19 students with a teacher and teacher's aid. Students get plenty of extra support services including help with their academic studies along with personal life skills training. The students can also become members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast and attend an afterschool program offering homework assistance, snacks and recreation.

For More Information  
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Classic Sponsors Anne Finkelstein, GM of Romano's Macaroni Grill and John Ponzo, Managing Partner of Lee Roy Selmon's Restaurant congratulate previous Academy Scholarship winners Jessica Dornan and Eddie Brehm.

### **Chi Chi to thank those who support the Academy programs.**

Clearwater FL---On November 11 and 12 the Chi Chi Charity Classic golf event, founded by 76 year old Chi Chi Rodriguez will be held. Two days of golf, dinner, auction gifts and fun await those who join him. Serving as Co- Chairs this year are Jim York and Josh Rawlings. The event supports the educational programs, one of which is the annual \$4,000 scholarship program presented to students who excel. Visit [www.chichi.org](http://www.chichi.org) for information or call **(727) 726. 8829.**

### **Chi Chi Graduate Spotlight Shaina Neuhart**

Shaina has known what she wanted since the age of ten when she got her first pet. She is pursuing the course of



We caught up with Shaina on a visit to her former teachers at Chi Chi's.

study to be a Veterinarian. After graduating from Chi Chi Academy she entered the Veterinary Science Program at Tarpon Springs High School and is now in her junior year. After high school graduation she plans to attend the University of Minnesota veterinary program.

**"I credit the one on one attention I received at Chi Chi's for my success in high school. " Shaina**



All campers received golf towels

### **The First Tee of Clearwater Summer Camp**

The Chi Chi Sports Complex and Golf Club were popular places this summer for 256 boys and 57 girls. Of those 313 young golfers there were 85 who enjoyed a full scholarship thanks to our kind donors. We welcomed two PGA members eligible for lifetime status to The First Tee coaching team in John Hayes and Tony Simpson. Dustin Snay, a school teacher and golf instructor at Chi Chi's, had his indoctrination as a coach for The First Tee this summer and is attending more

training this fall. We have several new programs starting for junior golfers this fall with most beginning in late September. Look for The First Tee new certification programs on Tuesday and Saturdays in addition to programs in your local public schools. A printed schedule of all current information is available at the Sports Complex and on our website.

**"Confidence - Believing in yourself besides what other people say."**

**Thank You to Our Charity Classic Sponsors!**



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### Exclusive Golf Deal

Two Golf rounds for \$30.00 + Tax  
Every weekday after 10am until September 30, 2012  
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