



# What's New at Chi Chi's

August 2018

## The First Tee Coaches host Core Values Workshop for Pinellas County Urban League teens



The Pinellas County Urban League invited The First Tee Program Director Karen Wise along with Coaches Chris Barry and Lizette Soto to provide a Core Values Workshop for 15 students in their STYLE program (Summer Training in Youth Leadership & Employment). This workshop was in conjunction with the Urban League's Golf Tournament fundraiser at the Feather Sound Country Club. Students learned the basics of driving, chipping and putting along with The First Tee Nine Core Values. For many of these teens, this was the first time they held a golf club or visited a golf course! Thank you Leah Brown and the Urban League for giving us this opportunity to reach such amazing youth in our County!

Top: All STYLE program students before they started the Workshop;  
Middle: Coach Chris Barry, Coach Lizette Soto and Program Director Karen Wise;  
Bottom Left: Karen shows a grip for chipping;  
Bottom Right: Lizette and three of the students playing a putting game



### Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
Sunday & Monday, November 11th & 12th  
Chi Chi Golf Club



*Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.*

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## Welcome new Academy Director Josh Meurer

This summer, the Chi Chi Academy welcomed Josh Meurer to the Director position. The name might be familiar from previous *What's New at Chi Chi's*, where we spotlighted Josh and his High Impact Teacher honors two years in a row. He has been an integral part of the 14 member Academy teaching team for the past ten years. Around the campus, Josh is known for his creative ways of motivating students to improve their academics and life skills ensuring they are better prepared to graduate high school. "We are delighted to have a person with Josh's exceptional educational skills," says Fred Whaley, Foundation Board member. We look forward to the many new initiatives Josh has planned for the students and families we serve.



New Director Josh Meurer

### 2017-2018 Academy Results

\* 7th grade students outscored the Pinellas County District average in the Civics End of Course Exam

\* 6th and 7th grade students outperformed the Pinellas County School average during the 2018 Spring Science Exams

## Valspar Championship proceeds provide \$44,000 gift to The First Tee programs



Top: Director of Development Mallory Hubbard, COO James Poulter and CEO Cary Stiff pose with Copperhead Charities General Chair Keith Robinson and Vice General Chair Jim Eisch; Bottom: Cary enjoying a moment of "Tiger Fever" during breakfast



At the June Charity Breakfast, Tournament Director Tracy West announced a tournament record of \$2,619,684 was generated this year for local nonprofits. We are honored to be a part of this event and thank the many hard working people who are responsible for the growing success of this premier Tampa Bay event.

We love having this PGA TOUR event so close to home. A breakdown of how we participate:

- \* Chi Chi Pro Am annual fundraiser takes place at Innisbrook during the Valspar Pro Am
- \* The First Tee participants act as Standard Bearers on Thursday
- \* All weekend, Foundation volunteers work at the Michelob ULTRA 19th Hole
- \* Birdies for Charities bonus program
- \* Both the Golf Club and Sports Complex have event tickets for sale each year

### Did You Know...?

Donating an IRA or other retirement assets to charity can be a tax-smart estate planning strategy.

People who are age 70 ½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution.

Source: [www.fidelitycharitable.org](http://www.fidelitycharitable.org)