



# What's New at Chi Chi's

December 2018

## Event Spotlight: November's 39th Annual Charity Classic saluted our Veterans



Celebration of the 39th annual Chi Chi Charity Classic opened with a special red, white and blue salute to our Veterans as sponsors and guests gathered to enjoy two fun filled days of golf featuring 11 different restaurants from the on-course Cuisine King Food Village. A sit down dinner by Baystar Restaurant Group at Nielsen's Oldsmar campus started with Posting of the Colors by Safety Harbor American Legion Post 238 and featured Alumni story Leo Schoolfield (see page two for more on Leo's Journey to Success).



Event Co-Chairs Jessica Majeski, Katie Majeski and Sean Tobe proudly announce the event netted approximately \$186,000. Funds raised go towards the \$909,000 yearly education budget serving our mission to educate and assist at-risk children using the golf course as a living classroom.



Thank you to co-title sponsors JM Family Enterprises and Raymond James! We are looking forward to celebrating 40 years of serving kids next November!



Top Left: Sunday's second place team Florida Hospital (Bruce Bergherm, Dr. Greg Baker and Royce Brown) pose with Chi Chi on the course; Top Right: Board Member and long time Foundation supporter Griff Braddock catches up with Chi Chi; Middle: Safety Harbor American Legion Post 238 post the colors; Bottom Left: Nielsen's Amy Rettig and Candace Barber take a minute with Chi Chi at the dinner; Bottom Right: Co-Chairs Jessica Majeski, Sean Tobe and Katie Majeski; Right: Chi Chi takes time with the Academy 8th graders before the student breakfast on Monday morning

### Upcoming Events

Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event  
Wednesday, December 19th, 2018  
Cirque du Soleil's CRYSTAL - Amalie Arena

Chi Chi Academy Pro Am  
TBD - March 2019



*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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# Congratulations to our 2018 Volunteer of the Year Sue Morgan!

After 20 years of working in DC for the government, Sue Morgan relocated to Palm Harbor and was looking to get involved in the community. In March 2017, she visited the Foundation for a monthly Lunch & Learn and instantly fell in love with the student's vegetable garden. Since that day, she spends multiple days a week working with students or just caring for the garden itself. Her revitalization of the program provides students more of our unique hands-on learning environment for which we're known and have been proud of over the years. Students work with Sue in the garden growing all different types of vegetables, including zucchini, squash, eggplant, avocados...just to name a few. She takes the opportunity with each lesson to teach our students not only how to grow these veggies but also prepare and cook them. Thank you Sue for all your passion, dedication and for truly caring about the students and their growth both academically and emotionally. You make such a difference in their lives!



Top: Sue with Chi Chi Rodriguez and Academy students during the Charity Classic dinner; Bottom Left: Sue working with the class in the garden, Bottom Right: Sue works with 4th graders on planting their seeds



Top: Leo visited the Academy campus in uniform in November 2018, Bottom Left: Leo during his 4th grade year at Chi Chi's working the garden 2009, Bottom Right: Leo and his mom at his High School Graduation

## Alumni Spotlight: Leo Schoolfield

Leo arrived at Chi Chi's as a 4th grader desperately in need of support emotionally, socially and academically. Though he had a supportive family they were also in crisis and couldn't provide all the things Leo needed. Leo says at the Chi Chi Academy he found a family environment with people who convinced him he was worthwhile and that he could succeed, something he had never thought possible. In May of 2018, Leo walked across a stage for his high school diploma from Anclote High School with a 3.87 GPA. After graduation, he joined the Navy and in November moved to San Diego for 18 months of training before he heads to Japan for his first station assignment. The week before he left for San Diego, Leo and his mom visited Chi Chi's and spoke with the current students about how they can also succeed in their future. Student eyes and hearts were wide open to Leo's message because not too long ago he had sat in the same desk as they were now. We are immensely proud of the young man Leo has become and look forward to his continued connection with the students as he moves along on his personal Journey to Success.

### Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 18 tee markers include Did You Know Facts that share the story of the Foundation and its educational programs to over 45,000 golfers each year. Each hole is sponsored by a supporter, like Hole #8 below:

Elementary and middle school counselors recommend the Academy to their students in need of an alternative learning environment.

