



What's New at Chi Chi's

December 2019

Celebrating
40
Years of Success

The Foundation Celebrates 40 Years of Service!

During November 2019, the Foundation celebrated 40 years of serving youth in our community. For the celebration, Jack & Barbara Nicklaus came for a special Ruby Celebration Dinner and to see the campus they helped build nearly 30 years ago. The two fundraising events raised over \$400,000 in honor of the 40th year.

40th Annual Chi Chi Charity Classic



Top: Co-Chairs Katie Majeski, Sean Tobe and Jessica Majeski; Bottom Left: Committee Member Nick Giallourakis (right) with his team Mitch Geier, Larry Kasa, Mike Laskey and Chi Chi; Committee Members Colonel Mike Hillestad (left) and Major General Don Fick (right) with Major General Bill Burks and Colonel Lou Cabrera, and long time Foundation supporter Lieutenant General John Conaway

Ruby Dinner Celebration with Jack & Chi Chi



Top: Co-Chair Jon Alexander enjoys a conversation with Jack Nicklaus following his win at the Glow in the Dark Closest to the Pin Contest; Bottom Left: Board Member Bob Basham with his wife Debbie and Jack & Barbara Nicklaus; Bottom Right: Board Chairman Tom James presents the Heart Award to Larry and Ernestine Morgan for their outstanding contributions and dedication to Education, Youth and Sports in the Tampa Bay community.

Nicklaus Family Center Re-dedication

The week of the 40th Celebration, Chi Chi with his Academy students welcomed Jack and Barbara Nicklaus to the re-dedication of the Nicklaus Family Center (NFC). Festivities included unveiling the latest Nicklaus family portrait followed by Jack and Barbara sharing time with the students, dignitaries and members of the press. The NFC, possibly the busiest space on the Foundation campus, is a multi-purpose room that serves as a kitchen for breakfast/lunch every school day, as well as an area for student recognition events and a quiet space for parent meetings.



Upcoming Events

Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event
Wednesday, December 18th
Cirque Musica presents Holiday Wishes - Amalie Arena

Chi Chi Academy Pro Am
TBD - March 2020

 **Chi Chi Rodriguez**
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Preparing Students for Success in the Game of Life

Mission: to educate students in a public-private partnership and improve their academic performance, self-esteem and character using the golf course as a living classroom.

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2019 Volunteers of the Year

In honor of our 40th year as a Foundation, the Classic Committee decided to honor not just one volunteer but four, one from each area, the Academy, The First Tee, Golf Operations and the Foundation.



Peter, Jeff, Scott and Scott at the Charity Classic Dinner in November



Peter Battaglia, Golf Operations

Peter helps with more than just golf, he also volunteers at Foundation events and even First Tee classes. For leagues on Tuesdays, he makes sure golf carts have ice cold water for guests and he towels off each seat. Though Peter tends to be behind the scenes in the cart barn at the Golf Club, it is the little details that made him an easy choice for this award.

Scott Johnson, Chi Chi Academy

Scott started volunteering 2 years ago as a mentor to one of our 6th grade students. As you can see by the picture to the right, pretty soon the whole lunchroom was joining in on what Scott called "the Circle of Knowledge". Mentors like Scott make a huge difference in our students' lives. He has continued to mentor many of our students every week.



Jeff Prugel, The First Tee of Clearwater

Jeff volunteers with the participants on Saturdays and during summer camp, but also with Foundation events. He is great at giving students individualized attention and help with their swing. Jeff is an excellent representation of the Core Values taught every week at First Tee classes.

Scott Tobe, Foundation Leadership

Scott has been involved for over a decade as one of the Foundation's Academy Executive Committee Members. You will also find him out at most fundraising events, Community Awareness and Academy functions. Known as "Mr. Bimbo" to our students, he is loved for constantly bringing product from Bimbo Bakeries USA where he works, especially Takis and Little Bites.



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