# What's New at Chi Chi's? December 2020







Top Left: Event Committee Members Don Fick, Mike Hillestad and Nick Giallourakis with Bob Conroy; Top Right: Cuisine King and long-time supporter Capogna's Dugout; Middle: Chip in for Chi Chi's Emcee Charley Belcher with Board Chairman Tom James; Bottom Left: Ian Peterson with Dialed in Golf Solutions provided Trackman video analysis both days of golf; Bottom Right: Shane Hunt, Bob Ferree, Breana Harrington and Tom Harrington enjoy golf on Sunday.

## Charity Classic Golf Tournament and Chip in for Chi Chi's Virtual Benefit

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, and putting on events has really given our team and volunteers the opportunity to be as creative as possible. The Charity Classic was no exception. With a limited field of players and contactless check-in, all of our teams had a great time playing the course on Sunday and Monday, November 8th & 9th. Then Monday evening, we hosted our first ever virtual benefit, "Chip in for Chi Chi's". The benefit was hosted by Charley Belcher of Fox 13 Tampa Bay featured long time supporter Dick Crippen, Board Chairman Tom James and of course, videos of our students.

The Classic Committee is proud to announce the event netted \$153,000 to further the Foundation's mission of providing our students a unique, hands-on learning experience; and ultimately preparing them for success in the most important game of all, life.

Didn't have a chance to watch or give? You still can!

Virtual Benefit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=A73jwkRm61w

Give to the Chi Chi Challenge: charity.gofundme.com/chi-chi-challenge

Co-Chairs: Jessica Majeski, Katie Majeski and Sean Tobe Committee: Linda Damsky, Don & Dee Fick, Nick Giallourakis, Mike Hillestad and Arlene Loughlin

#### **Upcoming Events**

Chi Chi Challenge Online Giving Challenge https://charity.gofundme.com/ chi-chi-challenge

All events are currently postponed. We will update on future dates as we have them.



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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Top: 7th graders listen to an interview of Congressman Gus Bilirakis by Co-Chair Sam Rockwell; Bottom: Co-Chair Carlos Guerrero speaks briefly with the 8th graders before introducing his guest

### Academy Career Day Goes Virtual!

Co-Chairs and Academy Executive Committee Members Carlos Guerrero and Sam Rockwell wanted to make sure our middle school students didn't miss out on Career Day with on campus visits being limited. So over the past few months both have interviewed 15 guests about their jobs and life experiences locally and around the country through Zoom! Students have been able to submit questions in advance and have really enjoyed learning about the different career paths.

Thank you to our Guest Speakers:

Joseph Atlinski, NOVA Southeastern Student Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Florida's 12th Congressional District Sandra Braham, Ed. D., Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Chris Donegan, Esq., Kemp Ruge & Green Michael Gandolfo, Pinellas Technical College Glenn Humphreys, Professional Real Estate Management & Investment Services Chris Johnson, Piper Fire Protection Nelson Mariscal, Musician & Music Director Charlie Patterson, Homeless Leadership Alliance Madhuri Prayaga, NOVA Southeastern Student Mary Quinn, National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Mike Sutton, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Danielle Vona, The Marketing Posse Dr. Richard Wallace, Bayside Urgent Care Brandon Williams, Bay Kings Band

## **Foundation Receives Safety** Harbor Chamber of Commerce **2020** Non-Profit of Year Award

At a social distanced outside annual dinner celebration at the Safety Harbor Spa. CEO James Poulter and Director of Development Mallory Hubbard accepted the Chamber's 2020 Non-Profit of the Year Award! Foundation supporter and our table mates, Tiki Tavern also took home an award for 2020 New Business of the Year!



Left: Foundation Director of Development Mallory Hubbard and CEO James Poulter joined by his wife Jen Poulter as well as Tiki Tavern's Dave LaGree and friend Susan Foucher during the dinner celebration Right: James Poulter and Dave LaGree show off the Awards

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