



What's New at Chi Chi's

January 2018



Humanitarian of the Year: Fred Whaley

Over the past 10 years the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation has selected a truly outstanding community leader to receive the prestigious Chi Chi Rodriguez Humanitarian of the Year award. This year the Board of Directors is pleased to present this honor to Fred Whaley. Fred exceeds the Board's expectations in leadership, has a proven record of giving back to our community and has the highest standards both personally and professionally.



He is known as a loving Grandfather of seven and has been involved with and chaired the United Way efforts for Raymond James in St. Petersburg. In 2006, Fred came to the Foundation with a passion to help restructure the Academy school and youth programs that were serving the community. Over the past 13 years he has guided the businesses of the golf course and Foundation as they renovated and expanded the Academy to five grade levels, more than doubling the number of students in the public school for at-risk children. This effort took enormous dedication and a deep commitment to Chi Chi's students.

Top: Board Member Elliott Ross with Academy students Nathanel and Cristian present Fred with his Award during Music 'n Mistletoe event in December; Middle Left: Fred with his wife Carol at a Charity Classic event; Middle Right: Fred on stage with Emaja (now a Chi Chi alumni) during a Charity Classic; Bottom, Fred and Carol with five of their grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Pro Am
Wednesday, March 7th
Innisbrook - North Course

Valspar Championship
Thursday-Sunday, March 8th-11th
Innisbrook

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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Board of Directors

Thomas A. James, Board Chairman
Raymond James Financial

Frank Chivas, Vice Chairman
Island Way Grill, Marlin Darlin, Rumba,
Salt Rock Grill, and Marina Cantina

Robert D. Basham
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Board Superintendent

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Inolex Group

Philip J. Powell, Jr.
C3 Management, Inc. and
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Academy Executive Committee

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Brian Krostue

Jessica Majeski

Chuck McGee

Pete Morell

Scott Tobe

Sean Tobe

Richard Wegman

Event Spotlight: Music 'n Mistletoe takes place at Amalie Arena

Board members, sponsors and their guests gathered December 17th to celebrate the Holiday season with Chi Chi's Music 'n Mistletoe event at the Amalie Arena. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, Live Auction and Program in the private Chase Lounge before heading to their VIP seats in the arena for Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve" concert. Co-Chairs Phil & Melanie Powell and Scott Brown proudly announce the event netted approximately \$86,000. Funds raised go towards the \$911,000 yearly education budget serving our mission to educate and assist at-risk children using the golf course as a living classroom. Thank you Tom & Mary James and Bob & Debbie Basham for co-hosting this amazing event!



Top Left: Co-Chair & Emcee Phil Powell stands in front of the crowd; Top Right: Co-Hosts Tom & Mary James; Bottom: Co-Host Bob Basham accepts a gift from Chi Chi Academy 8th grader Cristian.



Students celebrate the Holidays at Celebration Station



Top Left: Board Member Scott Curtis takes a selfie with 5th grader Trinity on the go-karts; Top Right: 8th grader Ashanti shows off her tickets from game play; Bottom: 6th graders Nathan, Ayden and Daniel pause for a photo while playing some of the arcade games.

On Friday, December 22nd Academy Students enjoyed their annual Celebration Station Holiday party riding go-karts, playing games and soaking each other on the bumper boats! The end of year get together gives students, teachers and supporters an opportunity to spend time together.

Special thanks to the Hurter family members Bill, Whitney and Hayden who help plan and fund the event. A big thank you to Bimbo Bakeries USA, Chi Chi Rodriguez Ladies' Golf Association, East Lake Woodlands Women's Golf Association, Brian Krostue & Vology and all of our wonderful volunteers who give time and donations seeing that each child has a gift and a great time.

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 #13 below:



The Academy's 6th, 7th and 8th grade students outperformed the Pinellas County School average during the 2016 December Math and Science Midterms.