



# What's New at Chi Chi's

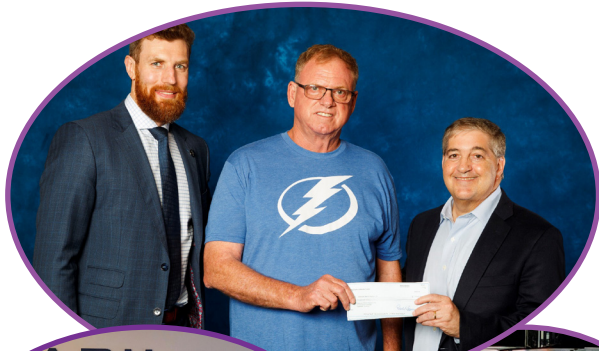
## May 2019

### Frank Chivas, Vice Chairman of the Board & longtime supporter honored as Lightning Community Hero on April 12th

The Tampa Bay Lightning honored Frank Chivas as the 43rd Lightning Community Hero this season during the first period of Game 2 versus the Columbus Blue Jackets at Amalie Arena. Chivas, who received a \$50,000 award from the Lightning Foundation and the Lightning Community Heroes program, shared the donation equally among the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, Clearwater Marine Aquarium and Clearwater for Youth.

Chivas is best known for his stable of restaurants – Island Way Grill, Salt Rock Grill, Marlin' Darlin, Rumba, Salt Rock Tavern and the Marina Cantina. When he was 11 he lost his father, a commercial fisherman, and was placed into foster care. This drove him to become devoted to helping children in need. Now he works with multiple Tampa Bay charities, including the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation where he has served on the Board of Directors since 2006. In honor of his work with these organizations and the community, Frank was also named Mr. Clearwater at the 93rd annual meeting of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Chivas becomes the 368th Lightning Community Hero since Jeff and Penny Vinik introduced the Lightning Community Hero program in 2011-12. Through this game, in total, the Lightning Foundation has granted \$18.4 million to more than 400 different nonprofits in the Greater Tampa Bay area.



Top: Prior to the game, Lightning Defenseman Braydon Coburn #55 and Owner Jeff Vinik presented Frank with a check; Middle Left: Foundation Superintendent Eric Dixon and CEO Cary Stiff with Frank in the Jabril Lightning Community Hero Suite; Middle Right: During the game, Frank's story was shared to the stadium on TV; Bottom: Frank with the 5th grade class in 2011; Right: Frank with the Academy Take Stock in Children Scholarship students whom he pioneered a \$200,000 gift to provide them with college scholarships.

#### Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Fore the Kids 5K Fun Run  
Saturday, May 11th, 2019  
Chi Chi Golf Club

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
November 8th-10th, 2019  
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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### Academy Executive Committee

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## Program Spotlight: Academy "Spring Fling" Family Engagement Night



Top: Mentor Scott Johnson high fives 5th grader Bryce after he successfully dunked him; Bottom Left: Academy Executive Committee Member Scott Brown quizzes 5th grader Stephen at the golf carts; Bottom Right: Academy Counselor Bobbie Hill discusses high school with 8th grader Taylor and his family

After a very successful Fall Festival, the Academy team felt challenged to come up with an equally fun evening for the Spring Fling. Designed as a family engagement night, the evening included a Bimbo Bakeries USA "putt for sweet treats"; golf carts with academic questions where students earned prizes and perhaps the ultimate favorite, a Dunk Tank! Students took turns "dunking" Academy Director Josh Meurer, Student Mentor Scott Johnson, PE Coach Mike Shultz and Golf Course Superintendent Eric Dixon. At the "Counselor Is In" table Bobbie Hill discussed high school programs that help families with the 8th grade student needs.

A huge shout out to our dedicated teachers, school counselor Bobbie Hill and volunteers including Academy Executive Committee members Scott Brown, Ian Peterson, Scott Tobe and members of GFWC North Pinellas Club for helping.

## The First Tee of Clearwater and the Golf & Family Sports Complex featured on National Television

The First Tee of Clearwater was featured in a 1/2 hour Master's "Tee It Up" Special the Saturday prior to the Masters Tournament. Filming took place during Saturday classes and featured various students, parents and volunteers, including a feature on participant Panagiotti.

To watch the Masters special visit: [www.wfla.com/sports/golf/junior-golf/first-tee-helps-young-golfers-learn-life-skills/1895147501](http://www.wfla.com/sports/golf/junior-golf/first-tee-helps-young-golfers-learn-life-skills/1895147501)

Also during April, the cast and crew of the upcoming Hallmark Channel movie "Love in the Sun" took over the Golf & Family Sports Complex, part of a three-week shoot throughout Pinellas County focusing on Safety Harbor. Catch the final movie on the Hallmark Channel Saturday, May 25th.



Left: Panagiotti with Program Director Karen Wise; Right: filming under the covershot at the Golf & Family Sports Complex

### Did You Know...?

The First Tee Summer Camp takes place all summer long!

Join us for 9 one-week camps, where students learn all aspects of the game of golf including: putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, the rules of golf and even course play. All lessons surround the nine Core Values of The First Tee Life Skills Curriculum.

For more information visit: [www.thefirstteeclearwater.org](http://www.thefirstteeclearwater.org)