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MESSAGE FROM SFPGA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

— TOM WILDENHAUS, PGA



What a year! From the beginning of 2018, it's incredible to reflect and be amazed by our continued growth. Achieving our mission of "serving the south Florida community and changing lives through the game of golf" would not be possible without the support of our generous donors and PGA Professionals. Each year we strive to impact more lives, and this year we did just that.

Since its inception, PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) has seen tremendous growth while providing free golf instruction to military veterans. In this previous year we hosted eleven programs for more than 140 local veterans. A new program began in Fort Pierce, and PGA Tour Professional Jamie Lovemark visited our Country Club at Mirasol program. This program provides local veterans with an opportunity to learn the game of golf as a form of therapy and assimilation back into civilian life. Since 2015, we have conducted 26 successful HOPE programs for more than 475 veterans, and we look forward to the continued growth of this program moving forward.

In September, we dedicated our seventh home through Habitat for Humanity. This year's home build took place in Vero Beach for the homeowner Melissa Arduini and her four sons. This home marked our halfway point in striving to attain our goal of building a home in every county of the South Florida Section, including Puerto Rico. One of my favorite events every year is the home dedication ceremony and handing over the keys to a well-deserving family. Turning blueprints into a reality for seven families drives us to continue for many years to come.

Putting smiles on hundreds of pediatric patients' faces has proven our measure for success for our weekly Smiling Fore Life program. Five different healthcare facilities are visited by nine PGA Professionals serving over 1,100 patients. Visiting Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Palm Beach Children's Hospital, Quantum House, The Southwest Children's Hospital at Lee Memorial and Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, our professionals provide young patients the opportunity to take their minds off the hardships they are facing and try a new, fun activity. This program is provided free of charge to these facilities and is truly making a difference in many lives.

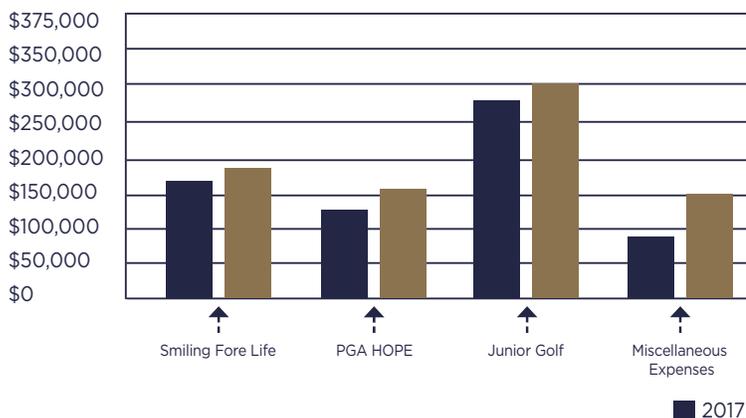
As you read this report, you will read stories about some of the individuals whose lives have been changed through the game of golf, and in particular by our Foundation programs administered throughout south Florida. These stories highlight the character of our PGA Professionals who make our programs a success. Their diligence to serve and care for their local communities makes these stories hit home and express just how great an impact our Foundation has made. We could not have made the impact on the communities of south Florida without the support of PGA Professionals, great friends and donors. Whether support comes through volunteer hours or donations, we need it to achieve our goals. Once again, thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events in 2019!

Sincerely,

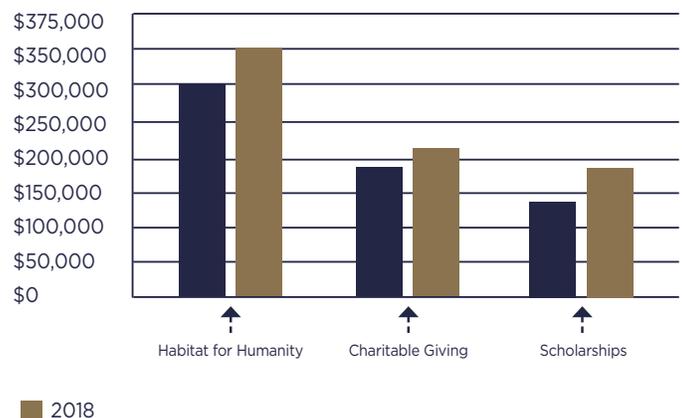
Tom Wildenhaus, PGA
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Financial Statement

Funds Spent on Conducting Programs



Funding Distribution Since Inception



Enhancing Education

On the golf course or in the classroom, recent high school graduate Tyler Nagy exceeds expectations. His efforts did not go unnoticed when applying for the South Florida PGA Foundation Scholarship. Valedictorian of Sebastian River High School, Nagy is the first to receive this scholarship, with the purpose to support local high school seniors pursuing their higher education. Attending Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, Nagy is studying Mathematics and hopes to pursue a master's degree in business administration while playing on the men's soccer team.

"I am honored to be the first recipient of the South Florida PGA Foundation Scholarship," said Tyler. "I plan to use the scholarship to help pay for my undergraduate costs of attendance at Rollins." Nagy further explained it would allow him to focus on gaining further education in graduate school. New in 2018, the SFPGA Foundation Scholarship is a \$20,000 scholarship divvied up into four-year installments of \$5,000. Each year the student will receive funding upon approval of their academic standing. The purpose is to build relationships with scholarship recipients and continue to support junior golfers like Nagy, who participated in South Florida PGA programs like Drive, Chip and Putt and PGA Jr. League.

The South Florida PGA Foundation is proud to support Tyler Nagy in his future endeavors, based on his academic, philanthropic and valuable achievements. Whatever he achieves, the SFPGA Foundation is excited to help Nagy answer, **"What's Next?"**



Developing Homes

Keys equal ownership of all kinds. A sixteen-year-old owning their freedom, a government official gathering their power, or a new homeowner claiming a place to build their family. Melissa Arduini received a key that meant she will own safety and security with her sons in their forever home. The Arduini family had their Home Dedication ceremony upon the completion of all building and sweat equity hours. The South Florida PGA Foundation was the financial sponsor of this home, through the Indian River Habitat for Humanity.

With a ribbon covering the front door, waiting to be cut so all may enter in, there was a brief ceremony celebrating the completion of their home. This included statements from the Arduini family, Habitat for Humanity representatives and the South Florida PGA Foundation President, Tom Wildenhaus. All spoke about the great efforts that were required to drive nails in the south Florida sun, yet how rewarding it was in the end. Wildenhaus expressed his excitement for Melissa's family and that it was his favorite day every year to celebrate this homecoming, ending with well-wishes for her family. Finally, the ribbon was cut, and all could enter in and see the fruits of many hours poured into the foundation of this home.

"South Florida PGA Foundation has been such a blessing throughout this process," said Melissa. "Not only their great financial contribution, but also taking their time to travel to the build site and put in the hours to build my house!" Over the summer months, close to twenty-five PGA Professionals from the South Florida PGA Section volunteered over two hundred hours toward completing this home on Waterside Way. Along with their \$50,000 financial contribution to the home, the SFPGA Foundation was able to turn this home into a reality for Arduini, which she considers "priceless."

Every year since 2011, the South Florida PGA Foundation has contributed time and finances to completing a home in seven counties of south Florida. With the intent to complete a home in every county within the Section boundaries, including Puerto Rico, the Foundation is halfway to their goal of fourteen homes built—which should result in the SFPGA Foundation donating \$750,000 and over 15,000 hours of volunteering by 2026. In one word, Melissa described her home building experience as "rewarding." Though this experience required a lot of time and hard work, she found it to be worthwhile for her and her family.

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—Melissa Arduini, Indian River Habitat Homeowner



“ I have learned that there are no limits to golf through the Smiling Fore Life program. These kids have taught me that no matter the challenge or limitation, golf can be fun. It has been a pleasure to introduce the game of golf to these kids, and seeing them smile is the best reward. ”

—Carla Overhiser, PGA, Smiling Fore Life Instructor at Palm Beach Children's Hospital

Supplementing Smiles

Since 2010, the SFPGA Foundation has provided pediatric patients with a reason to get out of their hospital rooms and put a smile on their face. Serving close to 1,100 annually, the Smiling Fore Life program involves PGA Professionals visiting local children's hospitals and facilitates adaptive golf weekly. In 2018, thirteen PGA Professionals volunteered their time at five healthcare facilities, including: Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Palm Beach Children's Hospital, Quantum House, The Southwest Children's Hospital at Lee Memorial and Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. We are overjoyed to see these smiles brought by golf, and we hope to provide even more next year.



Joe DiMaggio—98 Lee Memorial—112 PBCH—215 Quantum House—239 Nicklaus Children's—415



Inspiring Heroes

Self-taught in a post-9/11 era, this PGA Professional wrote the book on adaptive golf for veterans in a time where the demand for helping our heroes combat invisible wounds was more necessary than ever. Well, not one book, to be exact; but several stories detailing her journey to becoming the teaching instructor she is today. That and all teaching materials for the nationally recognized PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program. PGA Professional Judy Alvarez is a trailblazer for inclusion, sharing her expertise and passion for changing lives and teaching them golf at the same time.

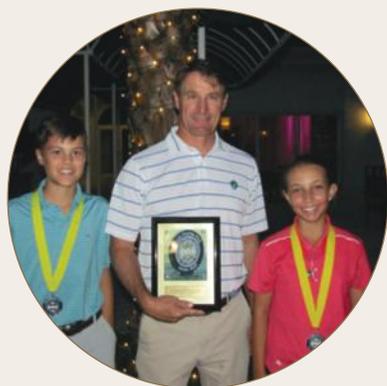
Early in Judy's career, she was given the opportunity to take over a golf program for those with disabilities and admitted she didn't know what to do with it. There were not any guidelines available to help. Now, two decades later, in addition to her jet-setting role as the National Trainer for PGA HOPE, Judy also serves as a HOPE instructor in Palm Beach County. Getting to see the program change and shape lives of veterans through exposing Professionals to a different way of teaching is one of her favorite things to do. "If they could meet some of these guys... they wouldn't blink and realize the power behind it; it's an extraordinary feeling," Alvarez said. "And what they are suffering through that will be with them for the rest of their life—if we can give them something like a golf course and a program that help them with their dignity and confidence and their self-esteem, I don't know that you can measure that." Alvarez explained further that by empowering these qualities, they will follow you wherever you go out of an eternal gratitude. "And they become your family. And that's really cool. That's really cool."

When asked why PGA Professionals should participate, Judy always asks in return, "Why shouldn't they?" When you have the opportunity to provide a safe environment of outdoor therapy and teach a game you live and love to those who have sacrificed their well-being for you and me, how could you not give back? This is a chance to teach them the game and introduce them to a whole new world of golf. "The worst thing you can do is one and done," Alvarez said. Instead, Judy strives to meet the demands of the inspired HOPE participants to inspire other heroes.



“PGA HOPE has given me new friends, a new interest, and a reason to get out and be active. I will always be grateful to the staff and instructors that work so hard to to make this program happen!”

—Jon Doering, PGA HOPE 2018 Participant



“The [SFPGA Junior Tour] has helped me achieve both my long-term goals and short-term goals... The SFPGA has given me the opportunity to prove myself as a capable golfer, leading to my winning 2018 Prep Tour Player of the Year. In terms of my long-term goals, the SFPGA has given me the opportunity to compete at a high level, which hopefully transitions into playing college golf.”

—Davis Dickinson, SFPGA Jr. Tour Prep Tour Player of the year

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Our Mission

The South Florida PGA Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded to support the South Florida community, with a focus on junior golf, education and scholarships, and charitable gifting. The South Florida PGA Foundation falls under the direction of the South Florida PGA, a not-for-profit organization comprising over 1,800 men and women PGA Professionals serving as the experts in business and the game of golf.

In 2004, the South Florida PGA Foundation began operations as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to support the South Florida community. Since its inception, the Foundation has experienced extreme growth through the support of more than 1,800 PGA Professionals, 375 facilities, and numerous corporations. Over the past ten years, the Foundation has impacted the lives of more than 8,000 individuals residing in South Florida through various programming, including but not limited to junior golf, charitable gifting, and scholarships.

CHANGING LIVES... providing opportunities

Each year the South Florida PGA Foundation supports countless programs, including but not limited to:

Habitat for Humanity | PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere)
Smiling Fore Life | Charitable Gifting | Scholarships

In addition to these great outreach programs, it operates a large Junior Golf Program for more than 1,300 junior golfers annually and in 2019 will expand programming to offer more opportunities.

More than just a game, golf has provided the SFPGA Foundation with a way to give back!

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