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THE EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION OF ATLANTA

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2021

PUTT FOR A PURPOSE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

With 95 golfers, 26 sponsors, 24 volunteers, and a gorgeous April day at Legacy on Lanier, our first annual Putt for a Purpose was a huge success!

Golfers were treated to breakfast from Einstein's Bagels, lunch from Chick-fil-A and a reception catered by Wing Ranch. Our Exceptional participants manned the Joe to Go coffee cart, served meals, handed out swag bags, posed for photos with every foursome, delivered lunches, prepared meal boxes, and cheered on our golfers. In the weeks leading up to April 19th, participants painted original abstract art with noted local artist Laura Esposito to award to our first and second place foursomes. They worked with Doug Freeland at Thornapple Industries, to craft beautiful handmade cedar phone stands for each golfer as a token of their appreciation for their support. They sold hundreds Raffle tickets!

Best of all, enough was raised to fully fund our first ever Exceptional Summer program. In addition, with proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle we are able to offer full scholarships to a handful of young adults with special needs who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Congratulations to our first place foursome Greg Smith, Kevin Kutchback, Nick Katchur, and Ross McGee. Second place went to Cindi Bailey, David Wehunt, Gary Wright, and Phillip Stamey. Longest drive was made by David Wehunt and closest to pin was Gene Rice. Unfortunately the only hole-in-one of the day was made by one of our participants when they were rolling balls on the putting green (although Chauncey Battey was only about a foot away from landing the hole-in-one on the \$10,000 hole!).

Many remarked on the happy vibe that was palpable throughout the day, and we are thankful that our golfers will now be ambassadors for The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored, and volunteered. We're already looking forward to 2022! Save the Date: Monday, April 25, 2022.



Scenes from Putt for a Purpose. Above: The winning team celebrating after a double eagle on 11; second place team only one shot behind; Joseph sold the winning raffle ticket to Brian Graham; Meg, Bhavin and Chelsea serving coffee from the Joe to Go cart; and seven of our Board members out to support at the tournament. Below: Some of the Exceptional gang giving the golfers a big sendoff at the shotgun start.



WING RANCH + BINGO = WINGO!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 12, 6:00-8:00 pm for our first WINGO! Night at Wing Ranch Gwinnett (1154 Lawrenceville Highway, Lawrenceville). For more info contact us at info@efatl.org or 770.504.6053.



WHEELS UP!

Holy Transportation Batman! The Wheels group visited the Gwinnett Police Department's helicopter hangar at Gwinnett Airport. Officers and pilots showed them all the bells and whistles on the two helicopters and we even got to watch them take off on an official call. Also in the hangar for inspection were a Swat truck, police motorcycles, and a police car. A Delta pilot who owns an acrobatic airplane brought it over for everyone to see and then when he took off he wagged his wings to say goodbye. To complete the transportation smorgasbord, two trains went by on the track right behind the hangar. The officers set out tables for a picnic lunch right there in the hangar with a perfect view of the all the planes landing and taking off. It was an incredible day and we are very grateful to Gwinnett PD helicopter unit for hosting us so well!



MENDING THE GAP PROJECT BIRTHDAY

Our newest volunteer effort is delivering Exceptional birthday greetings and cupcakes (from Special Kneads and Treats) every month to seniors in the Mending the Gap program. Who wouldn't love a birthday visit from our Exceptional young adults!



WE ARE AUTHORS!

The 12 members of our Writers group finished their books and presented them to Stan the Man Tucker of Leap for Literacy. It was a very moving morning as each participant, accompanied by their writing buddy, presented their books and read a page aloud. Stan presented each writer an "I am an Author" tshirt and certificate. More than one of us shed a tear of pride for all the hard work put into these books and the way our participants found their literary voices. Stan and his mentor, Barnard Sims, announced the author who would have their book professionally illustrated and published: Congratulations to Akil and his book buddy Daren! Akil's book about his favorite team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will be published in the fall and available on Amazon. Stay tuned for more details. Photos courtesy of Aiva Genys www.AGpicture.com









COOKOUT!

Following the final taping of our newest music video (look for release soon!), Machel and Ambo Coleman grilled turkey burgers and hot dogs for the whole crew. Our friend Mashanta DJ'd with all the best dance tunes, and brought her photo booth. Everyone had a great time enjoying the sunshine, food and music.



GET READY FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER!

Registration for our first Exceptional Summer Program, four weeks of Exceptional fun with all your Exceptional friends, ages 16 and up is filling up. You may attend one week or up to four weeks, Mondays through Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. The dates are: June 7-10, June 14-17, June 21-24, and June 28-July 1.

For more information call 770.504.6053, email us at info@efatl.org or head over to the website <https://www.efatl.org/summer-2021> to complete an inquiry form.



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