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CARE 'fore' CHILDREN GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER \$35,000

The 28th Annual CARE 'fore' Children Golf Tournament, held Sunday, August 1st at Pine Acres Country Club, raised a record \$35,459, the best showing in the tournament's history. Premier Sponsor: The Philo & Sarah Blaisdell Foundation, along with Lead Sponsors UPMC Health Plan and Zippo/Case Museum, presented this year's tournament.

Board President, Norm Strotman, acted as master of ceremonies for the event and recognized the outstanding support of the golfers, sponsors and Pine Acres. "CARE appreciates the generosity of our supporters and their willingness to go above and beyond to support the children in our community."

Richard S. Johnson and Marshall Insurance Services were Course Sponsors. Flight Sponsors included: Greg and Cherie Booth – *in memory of Ashley Booth Griffin*, CNB Bank, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Kids and Cancer Benefit, Northwest Bank, and The Rotary Club of Mt. Jewett. Seven other businesses served as Half-Flight Sponsors, including B & T Building Services, Inc., *in memory of Bryan Hannon*; Beacon Light, an affiliate of Journey Health System; Bob Cummins Construction Company; Carlson Dental Associates; HUB International; Luv Toyota; and Pine Valley Landscaping, *in memory of Richard J. Helfrich*.



The team of Anthony Zimbardi, Bob Frantz, Greg Zickefoose, and Tyler Smith shot a score of 58 to win the flight sponsored by Greg and Cherie Booth- in memory of Ashley Booth Griffin- at the 28th annual golf tournament at Pine Acres Country Club. Pictured from left are John Bedford, Pine Acres Pro Shop Manager; Zimbardi; Frantz; Zickefoose; Smith; and Norm Strotman, CARE board president and golf tournament co-chair.

In total, over 200 donors, businesses and organizations provided sponsorships and in-kind donations of prizes and other services to support the tournament. Thirty teams comprised of 120 golfers made up the field. (*Page 3 includes a complete list of tournament sponsors*)

CARE provides distinct services to improve the lives of children of all abilities in McKean County and the surrounding region. Events like the annual golf tournament make community outreach programs possible. Services include: Social Work and Family Support, Child Safety and Injury Prevention, Therapeutic Recreation and Developmental Screenings.



Pictured with the Pitt-Bradford Panthers (front, from left) are Frankie Fernandez, age 12, and Kailey Schimp, age 7, along with (back, from left) Faith McLaughlin, CARE Physical Therapist Dana Pence, and Abby Hinkley.

SOFTBALL A HIT WITH CARE KIDS

The Pitt-Bradford Panthers Softball Team, led by Coach Tina Phillips, hosted CARE at their home field to provide a softball clinic for students who receive therapy services.

Fifteen children attended the event which featured skills stations and was followed by a short scrimmage.

After the event, hot dogs, chips and cookies were provided to participants with the Zonta Club of Bradford helming the refreshment stand.

The remainder of the fall recreation programs will be held via Zoom.

Therapeutic recreation programs are funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.

CHILD SAFETY PROGRAMS A PRIORITY

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, CARE for Children, with its leadership of the Safe Kids Pennsylvania- McKean County Partnership, has focused more heavily on child safety and injury prevention efforts.

"During the Pandemic, children, especially young children, are spending more time close to home," according to Leslie Kallenborn, CARE development and marketing coordinator. "We have increased the marketing and improved the accessibility of these programs to encourage families to request needed safety items, to help make their homes safer for their children."

The Partnership has several ongoing safety programs for families, some recent highlights include:

In May and June, CARE staff members visited Kindergarten classes in Bradford, Kane, Otto-Eldred, Port Allegany, Smethport and The Learning Center to provide *bike safety education* and promote bicycle helmet use to 432 students. Each student received a fitted bike helmet, i.d. tag, and bike safety checklist.

In June and September, *Car Seat Safety Checks* were hosted at the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center with the help of volunteer, certified child passenger safety technicians. Twenty-six seats were checked at the two events and four car seats were replaced. CARE was also able to give four car seats to McKean County Children and Youth Services to use for families in need.

The *McKean County Cribs for Kids Program* continues its focus on infant safe sleep with educators conducting infant safe sleep education for parents over the phone or via video conferencing. Upon completion of the education portion, a staff member makes a door-to-door delivery of a cribette, sheet, sleep sack, and other items to promote safe sleep.

The Partnership also continues to offer safety items through the *Home Safety Program* which relies on at-home visitors to identify needs in the home, deliver items, and then provide follow-up to ensure items are in use and being used correctly. Items may include furniture latches, door knob covers, plug protectors, smoke detectors, universal gun locks, CO detectors and/or educational information on a variety of safety topics.





Top: CARE staffers fit helmets at the Otto-Eldred Elementary School in May. Bottom: Mary Lakari, from the PA Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics and certified child passenger safety technician fits a child's car seat at the Car Seat Event held at CARE for Children.





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Thank you for supporting CARE's mission of improving the lives of children of all abilities by remembering a loved one or honoring someone special. Your contribution is a lasting gift that supports services for children in our community.



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