



Tennyson Center Launches New Golf Tournament

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Twenty-four teams of four golfers each teed off for the inaugural Hope Classic Golf Tournament, benefiting Tennyson Center for Children. The event, in a modified scramble format, is the second summer golf tournament for the organization, which serves children suffering from abuse, neglect and other types of emotional crises. Held on Monday, June 30 at Bear Dance Golf Course in Larkspur, proceeds from the day exceeded \$130,000. The success of the tournament was due in large part to the support of several generous corporate partners from a variety of industries.

Although the temperature hovered around the 90 degree mark, beautiful blue skies and a spectacular backdrop of Colorado splendor greeted the golfers as they gathered for the event early that morning. Tee-off time was 8:30 sharp for the 18-hole tournament. Prizes were awarded in a variety of men's and women's categories including closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt and, of course, first, second and third low gross. There was even a consolation prize for the last-place foursome that scored the highest gross. There was also a hole-in-one contest, and a putting challenge. The event concluded as awards were presented at a delicious lunch served in the Bear Dance clubhouse.

Rod Witte, President and CEO of Tennyson, added, "This tournament exceeded our expectations on every level. Not only was it a financial success to help support our mission and the children and families in our care, it was also a success by almost every other measure. The golfers had a fantastic time and we couldn't have asked for a better way to inaugurate our second summer golf tournament. We are honored to have the support of so many businesses and corporations that are involved with this event and we look forward to next year's Hope Classic."

Tennyson Center for Children is the Rocky Mountain region's leading treatment center and K-12 school for abused, neglected and at-risk youth. Now in its second century of service, Tennyson Center helps hundreds of children and more than 1,500 family members each year. A full spectrum of program options are offered at Tennyson Center, including residential treatment, day treatment, a K-12 educational curriculum, family therapy as well as community-based, home-based and school-based programs. More information can be found at www.childabuse.org.