



Annual Review

2019



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to positively impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

NINE CORE VALUES

Honesty | Integrity | Sportsmanship | Respect | Confidence |
Responsibility | Perseverance | Courtesy | Judgment

NINE HEALTHY HABITS

Energy | Play | Safety | Vision | Mind | Family | Friends | School | Community





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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the entire First Tee of Lake Erie organization, we simply want to say Thank You to everyone who has played a pivotal role in our chapter's growth over the past couple years. It is not a stretch to say that 2019 was far and away the most successful year in our chapter's history. While the world has been turned on its head recently, we have continued to work hard to ensure we are ready to continue providing life changing programs to the youth of our community very soon. I am

thankful and proud of our dedicated staff and board of directors who have worked collectively to navigate our chapter through the current challenges.

Our chapter is looking toward an exciting future which includes developing our own facilities near Hill & Reynolds to operate our programming in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. The game of golf and the inherent values it teaches has provided opportunities for so many including myself, and we love continuing to expose new children from all types of backgrounds to those possibilities.

Our team understands the challenges everyone continues to face, and we sincerely wish you and your family great health and safety throughout these unprecedented times. I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Your ongoing support in a variety of ways allows us to fulfill our mission each day. We understand that your support may look different in the short term as we collectively work to help the fight against Covid-19 and support our frontline workers. Thank you for your past support and belief in the work we do. Our programs will be more important than ever on the other side of this, and we are grateful for keeping the First Tee of Lake Erie top of mind as the dust continues to settle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Reny".

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By The Numbers

First Tee Life Skills Education:
(6 Program Locations)

192

Outreach:

740

DRIVE (Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo):

393

National School Program:
(31 Schools)

5,134


Total Kids Reached:

6,459

2017: 4,686 

2018: 5,344 

2019: 6,459 

 = 500 kids



JASMYN NUPP



Jasmyn has been with First Tee of Lake Erie for 3 years. During her time, she has grown into a wonderful role model for other girls in the program. When she was asked why she thinks First Tee of Lake Erie is fun, she said that "it's easier to learn instead of a grown up telling you 'do that' or 'do this', you're learning with other kids and it's not as embarrassing when you do something wrong".

Jasmyn was also a member of the inaugural LPGA-USGA Girls Golf class that we added in 2019 and she said "I had Coach Amanda and it was really fun because there were only girls, because it's girls golf. It's much easier if you're a girl and don't want to be annoyed by the boys".

Jasmyn has high ambitions and wants to be on the LPGA Tour one day. "My cousin is on the LPGA Tour and she's only 18 or 19. First Tee of Lake Erie is helping me golf better and makes learning things easier".



- 9 years old
- Par Level at First Tee of Lake Erie
- LPGA-USGA Girls Golf member





"It's more fun in Girls Golf because you play games and receive awards like when we played Putting Hangman."

JASMYN NUPP



2019 REVIEW



JANUARY (INDOOR WINTER CLASSES)

We kicked off the year with a bang by doing our first winter classes at Fore Golfers Indoor Golf Center. During these classes, youth had the opportunity to practice golf, do their homework, & get more valuable life skills education from Coach Michael & Coach Amanda!

FEBRUARY (BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TOLEDO PROGRAM)

We delivered the DRIVE program at Homer Hanham Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo to introduce the game of golf to the local youth in a fun and unique way! We're excited to have more Boys & Girls Club members on our local golf courses soon.

MARCH (AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES)

First Tee of Lake Erie began programming at Grove Patterson Academy and Elmhurst Elementary. Here, the kids were able to learn the basics of golf at their own school. We're looking forward to expanding to more schools in the future.

APRIL (GIRL SCOUTS GOLF DAY)

Girl Scout Troops from all over Northwest Ohio came out to Brandywine Country Club for a fun day of golf activities. These girls also received their "Fair Play" or their "Practice with a Purpose" Girl Scouts Badge.

MAY (DRIVE, CHIP, & PUTT PRACTICE DAY)

At Brandywine Country Club we were able to offer practice time for youth to hone their skills for the Drive, Chip, & Putt Qualifiers at Belmont Country Club. We had 7 of our junior golfers participate in local Drive, Chip, & Putt Qualifiers.

JUNE (SUMMER CLASSES START!)

We kicked off our 9 week "Life-Skills Experience" summer classes for PLAYER and Par level participants at Auglaize, Inverness, Brandywine, Bedford Hills, and Oak Harbor! We were able to certify 91% of eligible youth to the next level!

JULY (MARATHON CLASSIC & US JUNIOR AMATEUR)

We were the benefiting charity of the US Junior Amateur Championship at Inverness Club and had a lot of great youth volunteers join the fun. We had a great time at the Family Fun Zone at the Marathon Classic presented by Dana.

AUGUST (INAUGURAL LAKE ERIE CHALLENGE)

We held our inaugural Lake Erie Challenge junior golf tournament at Bedford Hills Golf Course. This was a way to provide our First Tee and LPGA-USGA Girls Golf participants a fun and rewarding playing opportunity that put their golf skills to the test!

SEPTEMBER (FALL CLASSES & SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY)

Our Life-Skills Experience fall classes at Brandywine Country Club kicked off a warm fall season. This fall session introduced our first Birdie level class held in Toledo, and we were able to triple the number of classes offered from 2018!

OCTOBER (BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TOLEDO PROGRAM)

We expanded our Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo DRIVE program to include all four Boys & Girls Clubs (Homer-Hanham, Carson Club, North Club, & East Club). Coach Logan and Coach Michael lead classes at these clubs weekly and everyone had a lot of fun!

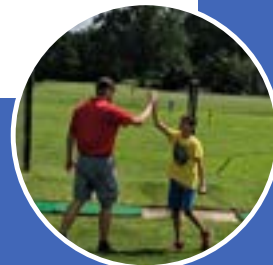
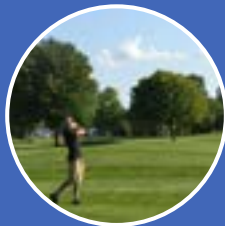
NOVEMBER

(2019 ENTREPRENEURIAL & BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD)

First Tee of Lake Erie received the Rising Star at the 2019 Entrepreneurial & Business Excellence Hall of Fame award ceremony. This marked the first time a non-profit organization was selected for this honor.

DECEMBER (GIRLS GOLF HOLIDAY PAINTING PARTY)

The Girls Golf group got together at Packos at the Park to enjoy a fun night of treats, friends, and painting with Coach Amanda & Coach Franny. Wine and Canvas lead our "Cookies & Canvas" night with a fun winter painting that everyone loved.





POSITIVE MENTORS

We would not be able to fulfill our mission without the help of so many dedicated volunteers. All our volunteers do a great job of connecting with our youth golfers to form meaningful relationships and be positive role models for them on and off the course.

Thank you to all our 2019 Volunteers!

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AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES



This year, we brought the game of golf and First Tee Nine Core Values to Grove Patterson Academy & Elmhurst Elementary.

Using the green space near the schools, First Tee coaches used both SNAG equipment and real clubs to offer a fun learning experience. The program ended with a special trip to Inverness Club where participants were able to use their newfound knowledge on an actual course.

As we move into 2020 we plan to expand our After School Golf Program to more elementary schools in the area. Thank you to all the support we continue to receive at all our schools!





LPGA-USGA Girls Golf



AT FIRST TEE OF LAKE ERIE

Inverness Golf Club

This year we started our first Girls Golf class! This class was a huge hit and it gave girls in our community an opportunity to learn more about themselves and the game of golf, in a safe enviroment, with other girls. Coach Amanda led this class and has been a huge supporter of this program. She continues to work hard to offer more opportunities for these young ladies.

There were 21 girls that joined us during our weekly summer classes at Inverness Club this summer. In 2020, we anticipate doubling the number of girls that enroll in our Girls Golf classes. We cannot wait to see all the familiar faces again this summer!

We **EMPOWER** girls with confidence and inspire them to dream BIG!

We **ENRICH** girls lives by expanding their minds and horizons

We **ENGAGE** girls with positive female role models and mentors

We **ENERGIZE** girls with passion for the game of golf

We **EXERCISE** girls' minds and bodies helping them unlock their full potential

Coming in 2020...

Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo Classes:

Virtual Spring Classes

Summer Life Skills Experience:

LPGA Girls Golf (Inverness):

LPGA Girls Golf (Brandywine Country Club):

LPGA Girls Golf Summer Event:

2020 Lake Erie Challenge:

Mulligans on the Maumee Golf Outing:

Fall Life Skills Experience:

LPGA Girls Golf Fall Event:

2020 Holiday Auction:

LPGA Girls Golf Winter Event:

January - February

April - May

June - August

June - July

June - July

June

August

September 10

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September - October

October

November

December



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- **In Memory of Bun**
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- **In Memory of Charlie DeLucca**
Terry Seagert

Growing Futures Together

Toledo is taking a shot at shaping the future. The Growing Futures Together Campaign will provide the funding to create a place and programming designed to support, encourage and inspire kids—cultivating a new generation of leaders and ensuring the future success of our community.

Our vision is to work collaboratively and provide a safe place where kids can accomplish their dreams, thrive socially, excel academically and athletically, and become productive members of society with integrity, strong family values, and a commitment to the community.

The First Tee of Lake Erie and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo are committed to support this vision and promise for tomorrow.





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