



GREATER CLEVELAND JUNIOR GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANNUAL REPORT



Despite all odds, 2020 has been an amazing year for Greater Cleveland Junior Golf Scholarship Fund! We started the year with a brand new leadership team; and were forced to pivot and drastically re-image what GCJGSF could be in light of the pandemic. With the help of our extraordinary GCJGSF families, volunteers and community affiliates, we exceeded all our goals and made significant improvements to our program. Just to name a few:

- Updated our GCJGSF website and introduced easy-to-use technology into our payment processing, communications, and score card system
- Sold out our membership in record-time
- Exceeded our \$10,000 fundraising goal and made over \$30,000 (despite cancelling our golf outing)
- Gave away over \$5,000 in scholarships

If we can do all of this and more during a pandemic, we are going to be a force to be reckoned with in 2021!

Looking to the future, I hope you will join me in our commitment to take our junior golfers' games to the next level; and engage more youth who could benefit from learning the golf to secure a promising future!

JAMIE TAYLOR

President, LPGGA, Alum '02



MISSION STATEMENT

We promote the game of golf to provide the youth of any skill level, ages 6-18 years old with a foundation to learn lifetime skills while participating in a structured golf program that encourages, supports and develops excellence in achievement of academic and golfing skills while providing financial assistance towards higher education.

WHO WE ARE

The Greater Cleveland Junior Golf Scholarship Fund (GCJGSF) was established in October 1980 by five (5) Cleveland area parents. This tax exempt 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization is designed to provide an instructional program for youth, ages 6-18 in the sport of golf. The primary target group is underrepresented children.

The following programs and initiatives are supported by GCJGSF:

- Junior Golf Development Program
- LPGA*USGA Girls Golf of Greater Cleveland
- College Scholarships
- Need-based Scholarships



OUR PROGRAM PROVIDES

- A 12-week series of weekly sessions at various Cleveland Metroparks courses.
- Curriculum is based on official PGA/LPGA guidelines.
- Group lessons led by PGA and LPGA golf professionals.
- Opportunities to compete in area tournaments.
- Skills that help junior golfers qualify for collegiate sports scholarships.

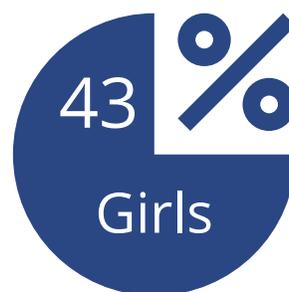


PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Elementary School Students (14%)

Middle School Students (48%)

High School Students (38%)

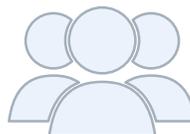


Communities Represented:

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| Avon | Bedford Heights |
| Brooklyn | Cleveland |
| Cleveland Hts | Garfield Heights |
| Hudson | Macedonia |
| Mayfield Heights | Northfield |
| Pepper Pike. | Sagamore Hills |
| Shaker Hts | Solon |
| South Euclid. | Twinsburgh |
| Warrensville Hts | |



**African American
(63%)**



**Caucasian
(33%)**



**Hispanic
(4%)**

My child enjoyed going to golf. It gave him a chance to get away from the daily routine. He got up early, enjoyed the outdoors, and he became familiar with many of the participants. He has learned how to mentally manage the game and he became more knowledgeable through his instructors."

- GCJGSF Parent



In 2018, LPGA*USGA Girls Golf program was incorporated into Greater Cleveland Junior Golf Scholarship Fund, Inc. to create a more welcoming environment for girls, ages 6 -18. We have successfully achieved over 40% of female participation in our weekly program!



Our site was the recipient of inaugural Renee Powell and LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Empowerment grants for our consistent focus on diversifying the game of golf and continuing the legacy that Ms. Powell started over 40 years ago!



EMPOWERMENT GRANT



"I like the challenge of trying to get the lowest score. And what I like about GCJGSF is I get to meet new people every time we come!"

Brianna Williams,
Willie Horton Sr. Award Recipient

"She came out of her shyness when she was comfortable. She took the initiative to clean equipment and sign in on Thursdays. Etiquette is carried over to home."



Kori Johnson and her mom,
Girls Lowest Handicap for the Par 3 Recipient

2020 TIMELINE



January - New executive team

We welcomed our new team which is comprised of 5 parents of active participants, and for the first-time ever GCJGSF alumni.

May - Filled registration in record time

For the first time we filled registration in one month! We recruited 25% new members.



January

February

March

April

May

June

February - New website and communication tools

Launched our new GCJGSF website and introduced easy-to-use technology into our payment processing, communications, and score card system.



June - Virtual rules and etiquette sessions

Dr. Kim Bogan taught weekly virtual sessions to our novice and advanced golfers to prepare them for on-course play.



July - Adult/Child Event

We had a successful event at Seneca Golf Course where our golfers and their guardians played a scramble.



September - High School Players

Six of our juniors made their high school golf teams this fall.

July August September October November December

5 SITES TO RECEIVE THE RENEE POWELL GRANT:



August - Received Renee Powell Grant

Our LPGA*USGA Girls Golf site was 1 of 5 Ohio locations selected for the inaugural Renee Powell Grant.

October - Exceeded fundraising goal

Thanks to our GCJGSF families, leadership team, Dick's Sporting Good, Farmers Insurance, Cochran Firm, and others, we raised over \$30,000 in record time!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM >>> >>> >>>

GCJGSF is proud to offer scholarships to high school seniors to assist with their college expenses; to families with multiple students enrolled in programming; and to families who express a need for financial assistance with membership fees. Additionally, in keeping with our commitment to expand access to the sport of golf for all youth, GCJGSF allocates approximately \$250 per student to subsidize membership fees and keep our program affordable. In 2020, we awarded \$5,000 in high school scholarships, and a total of 20% of our members received financial aid.



DESMOND NORRIS

Cuyahoga Community College

"My favorite part of GCJGSF is competing against my friends every Saturday."

DONOVAN MORRIS

University of Mount Union

"Out of all the things the Greater Cleveland Junior Golf Scholarship Fund has taught me, the thing I will remember the most is the power of goodwill."



EMILY BROWN

University of Dayton

"GCJGSF has taught me the importance of golf and has allowed me to be surrounded by people that encourage me, yet also are constantly pushing me to help my golf game be better."



JOSHUA EDWARDS

Cuyahoga Community College

"GCJGSF initially introduced me to golf, and made me realize my love for the game of golf!"



HERMAN DURR

University of Cincinnati

"What I liked most about GCJGSF is playing a sport in the outdoors!"



KUDOS TO OUR JUNIOR GOLFERS



Christina Nagy, 16, has been on a winning streak this year! She received the Goldie Bateson Award from the LPGA Foundation; and led the Nordonia Girls Varsity team to qualify for Districts for the first time in school history!

Angela Dodson, 17, is a senior on the Shaker Heights Girls Varsity Team, and was voted captain this year!



Ashtyn Spooner, 10

Competed in the Notah Begay III Junior Golf National Championship Qualifier in Washington D.C., where she placed in the top 10 for girls 13 and under!

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS



Brianna Williams
Beaumont School
Varsity



Maxwell Weber
Nordonia High School
Varsity



Reese Kountz
Nordonia High School
Junior Varsity



Lauren Torain
Nordonia High School
Junior Varsity

FUTURE PLANS

We are going to use the successes of this year to develop long-term improvements for the future! We will accomplish this by doing the following:

- Increase our membership by 50%
- Raise \$35,000 to support our scholarship fund and improvement of our junior golfers' games
- Strive to get 75% of our members playing in competitions
- Recruit 10% of our membership from organizations that engage with families that are economically-challenged

We will work to achieve these goals by:

- Working with our new Board of Directors on fundraising strategies
- Providing several recruitment events with other youth organizations
- Garnering more volunteer support and partnerships with amateur golf/non-golf organizations



Pictured: In memoriam of Jeff Staker, PGA. We love you and miss you!

NATIONAL PARTNERS

LPGA Foundation

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

LPGA Amateurs of Cleveland

Nordonia Middle School

PROUD SUPPORTERS

Dick's Sporting Good

Farmers Insurance

Marc Fried

Shinn Family Charity

Taylor Family

The Cochran Firm

William O'Neal Family

DONORS

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Brian Kraus

Bridgette Johnson

Cassandra Duckett

Darcel Williams

Darrell Claytor

DeWayne Williams

Jerri Wilkes

Jerrold Jones

Joyce Cook

Kelly Bonilla

Klenton Sparks

Kristin Domonkos

Linda Gibson

Marjorie Kountz

Matt Gulla

Nicole Brown

Patsy Harris

Richard Dodson

Ronald Jones

Ugochi Anyanwu

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