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College Bound Opportunities

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"Tees for Degrees" Golf Outing Supports Local Youth

Funds Raised Will Help College Bound Opportunities Reach More Students

(Deerfield, IL) The day began ominously with downpours of rain and a saturated golf course. But the weather couldn't keep the nearly 100 golfers away from Briarwood Country Club on Monday for the 2nd Annual "Tees for Degrees" golf outing to support programs for College Bound Opportunities (CBO). The outing netted more than \$30,000 for CBO, a local nonprofit that helps low-income youth get into college and graduate. CBO currently supports over 130 area students and has helped another 38 scholars earn a college degree. Most of these students are the first in their families to go to college, and would not graduate without the help of CBO.

Joining the golfers on the course that day were former Bears' greats and the stars of WGN 720's "Two and a Half Bears" Dan Hampton and Glen Kozlowski, and WGN 720's Sports Director, Dave Eanet. "I have four boys myself that I have put through college so I understand the importance of an education and the challenges of affording college" said Kozlowski. "The families in this program need this, and they need your help," he added. Golfers enjoyed on-hole activities such as a Corona tent, a cooling hole sponsored by Mahoney Plumbing, Hole-In-One contests sponsored by Autohaus, and food from Marcello's North. Generous sponsors included Corona, Bonded Collection Corporation, Coyote Logistics, First Bank of Highland Park, Giordano's, Hollis Cobb Associates, MEDIQUS Asset Advisors, Millennium Properties, Pepper Construction, and St. Andrew's Properties.

Funds raised at the outing will support CBO's programs including ACT Prep classes, laptops for every scholar, financial assistance, career workshops, and the one-to-one mentorships provided by over 150 community volunteers. Alex Wesolowski, a CBO scholar and junior at the University of Illinois, spoke to the attendees about the importance of CBO to him and his fellow scholars. "For years, my family enjoyed a comfortable lifestyle and were never wanting for anything. But when the economy collapsed, we lost nearly everything including my plans to go to college," said Wesolowski. "Thankfully, CBO and my mentor came into my life, and I have my whole future in front of me now." To learn more about CBO, go to <http://cbo4success.org>.

About College Bound Opportunities:

College Bound Opportunities (CBO) is a not-for-profit organization centered in the ten communities within Deerfield and Highland Park High School District 113 and Lake Forest Community High School District 115. CBO identifies high-achieving but under resourced young people who, without support, would likely forgo post-secondary education and assists them in applying to and completing college. CBO goals are achieved through a program of one-to-one mentoring between volunteers and scholars. Additional aid provided by CBO includes tutoring, training services, laptop computers, and up to \$16,000 in financial support for college. Learn more at <http://cbo4success.org>.

Nearly 100 golfers attended the 2nd Annual "Tees for Degrees" golf outing to raise funds in support of College Bound Opportunities and local students in need.

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