

## Road to 2019

### Meet Our New Program Coordinator



We are extremely excited to announce that we have hired a new Program Coordinator, Brent Vasa! Brent grew up in Holyoke, Colorado a small town in Northeastern Colorado, where in his childhood he would play the local 9-hole municipal course with his father. He found his love the game when he attended a week long Junior Camp at the Sterling Country Club in nearby Sterling. Through his Middle School years Brent caddied at Ballyneal Golf and Hunt Club also located in Holyoke. He was a 3-sport athlete through High School, competing in golf, basketball, and baseball. After his High School career Brent joined the Marine Corps and served 4 years in the infantry. He decided not to continue his military service, was honorably discharged and chose to pursue a career in golf. Brent attended the Golf Academy of America in Orlando, receiving an Associates in Golf Complex Operations and Management as well as teaching certificate in Golf. Previously, Brent was the USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern at the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado (JGAC). Welcome Brent, we are excited to have you!



### The First Tee GVR Leadership Gift Wraps

Members of The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch leadership council partnered with the PGA Tour Superstore in Centennial to provide gift wrapping for holiday shoppers. As the leaders in our program wrapped holiday gifts, the customers returned the favor by kindly donating monetary gifts to our programs. Thank you PGA Tour Superstore for all your help in growing the game of golf and the customers for their kind donations to the program!



### Colorado Gives Day

Tuesday, December 4th was Colorado Gives Day, one of the largest one-day giving movements in the country. Each December Coloradans come together with the common goal to strengthen the community by helping to power nonprofits. Thank you to all of those that chose to donate to The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch, a record in donations was set this year by exceeding \$130,000!



### GVR Campus Holiday Party

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### Blessing Bags



The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch will be collecting non-perishable items, toiletries and clothing to build blessing bags. This year's



recipient is The Gathering Place, a non-profit organization based in Denver that provides assistance and supplies to Women and Children in need. Service projects like this encourages our participants to think of others and pay it forward.

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