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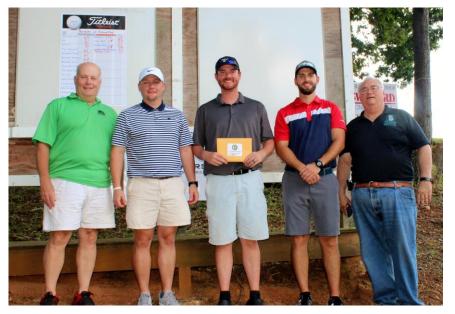
Annual Partners In Education Golf Tournament Success

Griffin, GA – The Griffin-Spalding Partners in Education (PIE) raised over \$21,000 during its 17th annual golf tournament to benefit the teachers and students of the Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS). Twenty teams played in the tournament held at the City Park golf course on Friday, Oct. 5.

Proceeds from the tournament are used for classroom grants, field trip grants and teacher tuition reimbursement scholarships.

"The golf tournament is our most successful fundraiser which allows us to help improve the quality of education for GSCS students," said Jeff Jordan, PIE chairman. Teacher grants are highly requested every year from teachers wanting to improve and enhance the learning process for their students with needed classroom supplies, technology or field trips. Actually, this year, we received the most grant applications we've ever had," added Jordan.

This year's first place team was United Bank; the second place team was Southern Federal Credit Union; and the third place team was First National Bank.



PIE Chairman Jeff Jordan, First Place Team: United Bank with GSCS Superintendent James D. Smith

"The annual PIE Golf Tournament continues to be successful because of the generosity and continued support of many local businesses, vendors and the community," said GSCS Superintendent James D. Smith. "Many thanks to all of the tournament volunteers, sponsors and supporters for taking a vested interest in the education and wellbeing of the students in Griffin-Spalding."

For the 17th year in a row, Manley, Spangler, Smith Architects was the Tournament Sponsor. Hole-in-One Sponsors included Bickers Consulting Group, Cronic Automotive, MEJA Construction, Norcom Inc. and Swafford Construction. Eagle Sponsors were Perdue's Paint & Body Shop and Sprayberry and Company.

Birdie Sponsors were: A, H & P, ARI Packaging, Audio Enhancement, Brightmoor Hospice, First National Bank, Florida Rock & Tank, Griffin Rotary Club, H.E. Hodge, Impact Office Interiors, Kroger of Griffin, Lighthouse Communications, Manfield Power & Gas, McDonald's of Griffin, Southern Federal Credit Union, Specialty Products Company, United Bank, United Bank Wealth Management and Walmart of Griffin.

Golf Teams were: Akins Feed & Seed, Bridgestone Bandage, Cowan Road Middle School, Exchange Club of Griffin, Futral Road & Jordan Hill Elementary, Howard Technology, National Lock & Locker and Rehoboth Road Middle School.

Cart Sponsors included: Alexander Company, Brock Insurance Agency, EyeSore Inc., Petro South and Snider-Killingsworth Insurance Agency.

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About Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education

Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education is a 501©3 school-business partnership organization. It was founded in 1982 with the mission of improving the quality of education for students in the Griffin-Spalding County School System. For more information about PIE, visit www.qspie.orq.