

# Cherokee County Educational Foundation Inaugural Golf Tournament Raises \$10,000



Honorary Chairman Cherokee County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo, left, Cherokee County Educational Foundation Board Fundraising Chair Kevin Williams of Chick-fil-A of Canton and Cherokee County School Board Chair Janet Read welcome golfers and start CCEF's inaugural golf tournament recently held at Woodmont Golf and Country Club.

The Cherokee County Educational Foundation scored with the opening swing of its second year with the inaugural Fore... Cherokee County Schools! Charity Golf Tournament recently held at Woodmont Golf and Country Club, which raised \$10,000.

"Thank you to our sponsors and the players who joined us on the greens for a great day of golf that also will make a difference in the education of our children," said Foundation Fundraising Chairman Kevin Williams, whose company, Chick-Fil-A of Canton, also is a tournament sponsor. "Every dollar we raise benefits the Cherokee County School District, which not only provides our children with an outstanding education, but is an engine for our community's economic growth."

Cherokee County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo served as Honorary Chairman of the tournament, which was sponsored by Gold sponsors Northside Hospital-Cherokee and The Home Depot; Silver sponsors: Carrabba's Italian Grill, Cherokee Tribune, Chick-fil-A of Canton, Credit Union of Georgia, Hasty Pope LLC, Hasty Properties, Sisson Media; and sponsors: Atlanta Oral & Facial Surgery, Blackwell & Son/Win2ition.org, Pilgrim's Pride, Gleichman Law Firm, Goshen Valley Boys Ranch and Red Top Marketing.

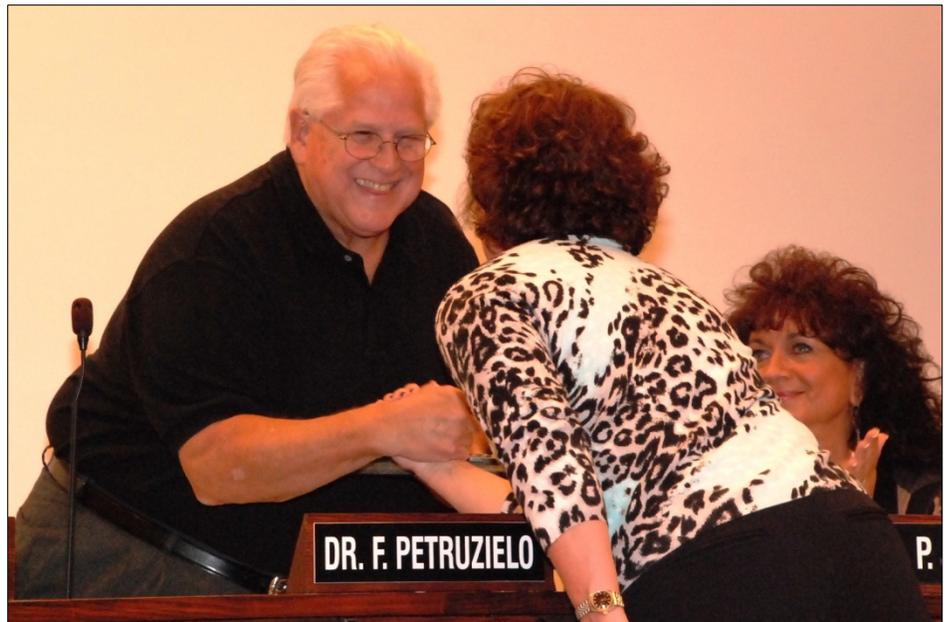
Special thanks also are extended to tournament organizer Sheri Murphy and tournament marshal Zach Blend and the art departments of CCSD's high schools, which provided student artwork to be used as for trophies for the tournament winners and sponsors and as a special gift for Dr. Petruzielo.

Tournament winners included: first-place team, Chick-fil-A of Canton; second-place team, Fforg Inc.; third-place team, SouthCrest Bank; Closest to the Pin winner, Ben Looper of Southeast Restoration Group, a Foundation Board member; Long Drive winner, Matt Hames of the FIG Partners LLC team; and Putting Contest winner, Brian Dobbins of LandAnswers.

The Foundation Board already is planning its second tournament, which will be held in the fall of 2014, with a date soon to be announced.

The Foundation, which was founded last fall at the suggestion of School Board Chair Janet Read, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the School District's students and staff by promoting teaching and learning and celebrating achievements. It provides this support through initiatives such as: grants for schools, teachers and other staff for "bright ideas" to improve education; grants for students for academic and after-school/extra-curricular programs; and support for School District-wide initiatives.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit the Foundation website at [www.chokeecountyeducationalfoundation.org](http://www.chokeecountyeducationalfoundation.org).



**Above:** Tournament organizer Sheri Murphy thanks Dr. Petruzielo for serving as Honorary Chairman, as School Board Member Patsy Jordan looks on. **Below:** Gold sponsor Northside Hospital-Cherokee's team, from left to right, Cherokee County Commission Jason Nelms, Cherokee County Manager Jerry Cooper, Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques and NH-C President/CEO Billy Haves, a Foundation Board member.





**Above:** Volunteers including Colleen Blackwell check in players as they arrive for the tournament.  
**Left:** Artwork from students at CCSD high schools was used for the trophies for players, sponsors and the Honorary Chairman.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: More photos from the event are posted on the Foundation's Facebook page, and you are welcome to use them with your coverage.