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LEGEND OAKS GIVES BACK

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Legend Oaks Golf and Tennis Club Hosts the 6th Annual “Legend Oaks Gives Back” Championships at Legend Oaks, a USTA Level 2 Tennis Tournament, Benefiting The ARK Alzheimer’s Family Support Services, Raising \$7,100.

Summerville, SC: The 6th Annual Legend Oaks Gives Back USTA Level 2 Tennis Tournament, benefiting The ARK Alzheimer’s Family Support Services, raised \$7,100 to support the Lowcountry community in need. The event was held January 26th - January 29th, 2017 at Legend Oaks Golf and Tennis Club in Summerville.

The full field event opened Thursday night and ended Sunday afternoon, with the crowning of nineteen champions throughout the event. One hundred fifty five players, ranging from beginners to the highest ranking local players and professionals, came out to make the event a huge success.

The biggest winner of the event was the The ARK Alzheimer’s Family Support Services, selected by the members of the Legend Oaks Gives Back Tennis committee, based on votes by the members of Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club. Owner Jim Chickarello is thrilled that the event has grown so fast over its six year history, and that a local Lowcountry community charity will benefit from the funds raised. “It’s great to see so many residents within our community supporting their neighbors in need” Chickarello commented “Local charities need our support more than ever.”

Chickarello thanked the Legend Oaks Gives Back Tennis Committee members for their tireless efforts in support of this event: Lisa Diedrick – Co-Chair, Tournament Director Bryant McMkee, and the Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club staff. A big thank you also went out to all the generous sponsors in the business community especially major sponsors Soul Whispers Arts, Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union, Hospice Care of South Carolina and Carrabba’s Italian Grill. The event would not have been possible without the support of the many volunteers from within the neighborhood and community and all the participants from across the Lowcountry and South Carolina.

The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative was founded in 2008 by Jim Chickarello, owner of Legend Oaks Golf and Tennis Club in Summerville, SC. The club staff joins with club members and the Legend Oaks neighborhood, working together to help those in the immediate community in need. The year-round initiative includes a fall fundraiser with a golf tournament and dinner/silent auction, multiple 5K runs on the back nine, a used golf and tennis equipment drive, a back to school supplies drive, a turn the course Pink fundraiser and a Christmas toy drive, in addition to this annual USTA Level 2 Tennis Tournament. Past donations have benefited The Alzheimer’s Association, The ARK Alzheimer’s Family and Support Services,

Dorchester Children's Center, Meals on Wheels of Summerville, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, MUSC Children's Hospital, One80 Place, the Professional Tennis Registry Foundation and The South Carolina Junior Golf Association. The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative, operating with the motto "**A Community Working Together, to Help Those in Need**" has raised over \$316,000 in cash donations and goods since its inception in 2008.

Legend Oaks Gives Back is pleased to announce the 9th Annual Legend Oaks Gives Back Charity Golf Tournament will be held September 9th, 2017. Exact dates for the 7th Annual Championships at Legend Oaks USTA Level 2 Tennis Tournament are forthcoming.

The Legend Oaks Gives Back charity initiative welcomes businesses and members of the community who would like to become involved and help those in our local community in need. For more information, please contact Kathy Chickarello at 843-821-4077 ext 113 or email kchickarello@legendoaksgolf.com.



Pictured Left to Right: Micky Styslinger (The ARK), Kathy Chickarello, Bryant McKee, Lisa Diedrick, Megan Severn (The ARK), Jim Chickarello and Michel'le Cresman (The ARK).