



# What's New at Chi Chi's

## July & August 2008



Barbara Ferree with four of her sons and Chi Chi at the Charity Classic in 1992

### Donor Spotlight: A Tribute to Volunteerism, Giving and Family Tradition Presenting Barbara Ferree and the Ferree Family Four

Barbara Ferree began her Academy volunteer work in the development office in 1992. That same year she started sponsoring four of her sons to play in the November Chi Chi Charity Classic under the name "Ferree Family Four". Each year since her sons have traveled from Michigan and Colorado to make the Classic outing a family tradition. Barb has since moved to The Villages in Ocala but continues her tradition of support. Barb is a joyful, talented person and we miss her leadership greatly.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity what the Chi Chi Kids have - to have more personalized attention, to learn to be good citizens and do something with their lives. Think how many of them have gone on to college, who would never otherwise have had the chance. It was a wonderful time in my life. Having had five sons, I felt that I was helping other children to a better life." - Barbara Ferree



**Congratulations Danielle Rock:** Danielle was awarded the Academy's annual \$3,000 higher education scholarship. With the contribution from the Rotary Club of Countryside, the Academy was able to increase the award amount this year to \$4,000. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student every year. Danielle is a 5th grader at the Academy who dreams of one day going to college and becoming a Crime Scene Investigator. Scholarship students are required to remain drug free, obey the laws of our country, respect the rights and property of others, graduate from high school and maintain a 2.0 grade point average. In addition to meeting these requirements, the student must also spend ten volunteer hours as a mentor at the Academy the summer following high school graduation. We are all proud of Danielle's accomplishments in school so far and we look forward to watching her progress through Middle School. Here's to your dreams.



Senior VP Cary Stiff, 5th grader Danielle Rock, and Dixie Walker of the Countryside Rotary



Kendall Matrisian - Age 6

**The First Tee of Clearwater Summer Camp** is under way and will serve 780 children. Many of these children will be helped by scholarships, outreach programs and community service opportunities. Camp runs from June 9 and lasts through August 14. To register call Brandon Walker, Program Director at (727) 726-8829 x 238.

**Thank you to Summer Camp Scholarship Supporters:** Denise and Erich Overhardt, Don and Carol Russell, the Florida West Coast Golf Course Superintendents and the Kenrick Family. Their contributions provided a safe healthy week of camp to 75 happy kids!

Summer camp participant Kendall Matrisian's dad, Matt, was so pleased with her progress that he sent this photo along with his "thanks to the First Tee of Clearwater for teaching her the foundations of a great swing." Kendall practices 4 days a week and wants to go to the U.S. Kids golf finals this year. With that swing we'll help her pack.

#### The First Tee Community Impact

- Paid Participants - 380
- Scholarships - 75
- Outreach Programs - 315
- Community Service - 15

**Congratulations Mrs. VanderKlok and Mrs. Francisco:** This past June, 4th grade teacher Lori VanderKlok and 5th grade teacher Ginger Francisco won the Governors Award for Excellence in Economic Education. They received second place in the state of Florida and first place in Pinellas County. Part of the economics project demonstrated making Rice Krispie treats requiring the students to add, subtract, measure and cook these special treats. Lucky staff and students enjoyed the treats.



Austin and Ian of 4th grade stir the marshmallows



Chi Chi and Frankie at the Invitational



**Welcome Frankie Ingo:** Frankie is the new Special Projects Manager. Frankie has worked with top companies such as IBM, Oracle Computer, The World Bank, the David Leadbetter Academy and the US Department of Education. His past non-profit work include the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Camp Sunshine and the Special Olympics. He was an original cast member of the theatrical play "Grease" and has performed at Ruth Eckerd Hall, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Club Med and Disney. Welcome to the team Frankie!

**Kids Who Care Golf Tournament (KWC):** KWC hit the links in partnership with The First Tee of Clearwater to raise funds for distribution to the homeless and low-income kids. In the past KWC raised money for children's dental care and other important needs. The opportunity to help others provided an incredible platform for these kids to experience first hand what it takes to organize their own fundraising event. Since March the 23 kids participated in a 12 week series of golf clinics tailored to their specific level of knowledge for the game. These clinics, taught by The First Tee of Clearwater instructors, prepared them for their event while they are taught character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf.



1st Place Team: Ellison Development with Bobby Grace and Chi Chi Rodriguez



Chi Chi Rodriguez, his wife Iwalani, Tom James and his wife Mary, enjoying festivities Sunday evening



**Inaugural Chi Chi Invitational Results:** The Invitational raised over \$200,000 for the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy. The first time event included a Sunday evening dinner at Raymond James Headquarters in St. Petersburg and golf Monday morning at Tampa's exclusive Old Memorial Golf Club. A big thanks goes to our event chair people: George Kehl, KPMG; Mark Carron, Raymond James; Nancy Loehr, Progress Energy; and Mark Wimberly, Progress Energy. With their leadership we reached a very ambitious fundraising goal.

**WINNERS:** 1st: Ellison Dev. - Casey Ellison, Stan Lifsey, Bert Martin, Paul Degance  
 2nd: KPMG - George Kehl, Todd Webster, Joe Trepani, Todd George  
 3rd: KPMG - Chuck Pisciotta, Reese McCauley, George Carter, Joe Hess

Putting: Denny Gallagher  
 Straightest Drive: Elliott Ross  
 Closest to the Pin #7: Jeff Julien  
 Closest to the Pin #17: Scott Luttrell

**Upcoming Events:** For more information on Academy events, visit [www.chichi.org](http://www.chichi.org) or call (727) 726-8829 x 209.



**Chi Chi Charity Classic**  
 November 16th & 17th, 2008



**Rockin The First Tee**  
 November 21st & 22nd, 2008



**Have a great summer!**

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