

\$1 Million Raised at Corix Water Products' 20th Annual Golf for Kids Charity Classic

VICTORIA, BC (September 10, 2018) – On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Corix Water Products held its annual Golf for Kids Charity Classic at the Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa in Victoria, BC.

The tournament reached a major milestone this year, marking the 20th year the tournament has raised money and awareness for BC kids in need. Thanks to the commitment and outpouring of generosity from players, sponsors, volunteers, and philanthropists, this year's event raised another \$1 million, matching last year's record.



More than a charity golf tournament, the Golf for Kids Charity Classic is the most successful single day fundraising tournament in Victoria, BC, bringing together golfers, volunteers, community advocates, and devoted youth in support of BC kids and their families.

Making dreams come true

This year's tournament kicked off with the Cownden family, from Northridge Excavating Ltd., presenting a cheque for \$30,000 for 20 years of amazing service by tournament co-hosts, Dale Douglas and Murray Stewart, while two past Dream recipients, Andrei and Braiden, donated \$1,100 and \$7,020 respectively towards filling one of this year's Dreams.

Tournament participants also heard from Tracey, mother of twin boys, Asher and Nolan. During her emotional speech, she expressed how cerebral palsy has affected the boys and her family, and how the Bear Essentials program, under the Help Fill A Dream Foundation, has helped fill the gaps for equipment costs that government programs don't cover completely or at all. Thanks to the generous donations of tournament participants, they now have a new dream to look forward to – a family trip to Florida during Christmas break – an opportunity for her family to have fun and to celebrate what they have had to overcome since the twins' births.



"Tracey set the stage for the day with her remarkable speech," said Murray Stewart. "Her words were so moving and reminded us about the impact that everyone's generosity has towards making the dreams of young children come true."

Funds raised are dedicated to local charities and programs

Raising money is only the first part. It is equally as important to ensure we invest this money with the right people and organizations. Our job is to help fund great organizations who do excellent work to support kids in our communities. Over the past 20 years, the Help Fill A Dream Foundation has been our feature charity. Through this successful partnership, Golf for Kids has provided the funding for making 50% of all the dreams come true for kids and their families.

This year, \$210,000 was raised during the evening banquet to fulfill 21 dreams, some of which included trips to Disney World, Hawaii, Australia, and a meet and greet with a pop band.

“Each and every year, the incredible people at Golf for Kids – players, volunteers, sponsors, and special guests – surprise us with the extent of their generosity and thoughtfulness. It just keeps getting bigger and better”, said Craig Smith, Help Fill a Dream Foundation Executive Director. “Our growth is intricately linked to the success of Golf for Kids. We have grown up together and assisted thousands of Island children as a result. In addition to the money raised, the whole team at Golf for Kids provide us with support, encouragement, and inspiration throughout the year. Humbly, we say thank you to all even though it never seems to be adequate enough to express our heartfelt gratitude.”

Based in Victoria, the Help Fill A Dream Foundation provides hope, help and happiness for Vancouver Island children with life-threatening conditions.

2018 Golf for Kids by the Numbers

- Total amount raised this year: \$1 million
- Total amount raised to date: \$6.3 million
- Total number of golfers this year: 192
- Number of volunteers this year: 130
- Number of volunteer hours this year: 5,000+
- Number of prize donors: Over 100
- Number of sponsors: Over 100

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the tournament, we'd like to acknowledge the incredible support and commitment of our people and partners over the past two decades:

- Corix Water Products has been the tournament host over the past 10 years. Thanks to their unwavering commitment, we have been able to focus on the most important part of Golf for Kids – the kids.
- Our industry and community partners have provided Golf for Kids with consistent financial sponsorship year-over-year, enabling us to donate every dollar raised to children's charities. Their generosity continues to set an unprecedented benchmark that makes this event one-of-a-kind.
- Bear Mountain Resort Community has helped elevate Golf for Kids to new levels. Their leadership, commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity are so inspiring – thank you!
- Each year, we have over 130 volunteers that help make this event a reality. The tournament would not be successful without your time and commitment.

“It's hard to believe that we've been doing this for 20 years. Although elements of the event continue to change over the years, one thing has never changed – the unwavering support of those involved,” said Dale Douglas. “Golf for Kids has created a true sense of community and camaraderie amongst our supporters and we couldn't be more proud to be part of something so special. In life, you get out of it what you put into it and what you have put into Golf for Kids has helped to change the lives of so many, including all of us, so thank you!”

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and participants

On behalf of Corix Water Products, a sincere thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, and expertise to help make this milestone year another huge success. With your unrelenting commitment, we continue to exceed expectations and make a significant difference in the communities where we live and work! Photos and highlights from this year's 20th anniversary celebration will be posted on www.golfforkids.net in the coming weeks.

2019 Dates and Sponsorship

Next year's tournament will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa in Victoria, BC. We look forward to another exciting event filled with heartening stories, unexpected moments, big smiles, unprecedented comradery, and of course, lasting memories.

To learn more about 2019 sponsorship opportunities or donations, contact Murray Stewart at murraystewart16@gmail.com or Dale Douglas at drdsolutions@outlook.com.

About Golf for Kids

The Golf for Kids Charity Classic, hosted by Corix Water Products, is an unparalleled event day filled with an amazing golfing experience, raffle draws, silent and live auctions, wonderful food, great companionship, and the biggest prize table on Vancouver Island. Over the past 20 years, the Golf for Kids Charity Classic has raised more than \$6 million for local children's charities. Visit www.golfforkids.net for a list of sponsors, beneficiaries, additional event details, and photos.

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