More Than \$8,000 Raised At Daniel Furr Golf Tourney – Connestee Falls NC

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Seventy golfers played in the fifth annual Daniel Furr Memorial Golf Tournament, again hosted by Connestee Falls. (Courtesy photo)

The Connestee Falls Golf Club once again hosted the Annual Daniel Furr Memorial Golf Tournament Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

On this fifth memorial event Sandra and Joe Furr, Daniel's parents, were joined by 70 golfers who enjoyed a day of golf, fellowship, prizes and great food while raising \$8,400 in scholarship funds for 12 Transylvania Co. BRCC college students to be selected in 2014.

A BBQ awards dinner followed golf at Atagahi Park featuring Gary Compton's famous barbecue and George Frank's unique Brunswick stew recipe.

The tournament goals are to provide funding for the J. Daniel Furr Memorial Scholarship Fund established in 2009 to help provide college education opportunities and to help educate on the dangers of teenage exposure to alcohol.

The Furrs lost their 19-year-old son just after Christmas in 2008 due to an alcohol centered tragedy.

"This is how we honor Daniel's memory," said his mom, Sandra. "We have resolved to work hard to allow good to come from our loss of Daniel while pointing to the reality of how fragile young lives are when exposed to alcohol and how important it is to be ready to meet the Lord Jesus at any time. Without His faithfulness, we would not be able to survive this but with Him we know the future is bright."

On the tournament web site are many resource links that provide helpful facts and potentially life-saving information on the subject of under age alcohol dangers.

With proceeds from the previous tournaments in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, more than 40 scholarships have been awarded so far totaling \$29,200. The Blue Ridge Community College Scholarship Foundation selects full time, degree-seeking students who maintain a high GPA and who are willing to sign a Pledge of Honor agreeing to abstain from using alcohol and illegal drugs while recipients.

"We are so thankful that our Lord Jesus continues to use our heartbreak and immeasurable loss to be assets to Daniel's generation and touch many young people in the community," said his father, Joe Furr.

The tournament's top four scoring teams won prizes of free rounds from premium area courses including Burlingame, Lake Toxaway, Cummings Cove, and Glen Cannon. Longest drives won \$50 gift cards from Lowes, Marathon/Triangle Stores, and the Square Root. Connestee Falls provided free rounds for each of the 4 closest to the pin winners. A \$500 hole-in-one cash prize courtesy of Steve Owen and Associates went unclaimed.

At the dinner, drawings were held for 10 raffle prizes donated by Greystone Inn, Headwaters Outfitters, Marco Trattoria, Ann-Marie at Sport Spot, Phoenix Restaurant, Lonestar Steakhouse, Carraba's, Applebee's, Sycamore Cycles, and Quixote's Fine Mexican Food.

Major \$500 sponsors were: Steve Owen and Associates, Stew's Heating & Cooling, Transylvania Regional Hospital, Barry Bodie, MD., Carolina Mountains Credit Union, Sam's Club, Community Chapel of Hendersonville, Charlie's Tire Center, Connestee Falls Realty, and Food Matters Market.

\$150 hole sponsors were: Rocky's Soda Shop, Asheville Savings Bank, Wilsonart International, Performance Holdings, the Transylvania Times, Meridith Baldridge State Farm, Ecusta Credit Union, Transylvania Little League, Coachworks Auto Body, Macon Bank, Appalachian Golf Cars, Rockbrook Camp, Transylvania Youth Council, Clark Murray & Assoc., Eldridge Tire & Service, Traditional Acupuncture, Looking Glass Realty and Sylvan Sport-Patrick Kennedy. Also generously contributing to the Event were dozens of cash donations and many helpful volunteers. The beautiful tournament program was designed and printed by Leann at Copyworks. Web site artwork was designed by Barbara Poole, webmaster. Marsha at Bilo and Jeff at Food Lion provided much of the food donations.

Sandra and Joe expressed their deepest appreciation for all of the time, money, prizes, and prayers contributed by our many sponsors, donors, volunteers, golfer participants and other friends for supporting this year's tournament and scholarship event.

To learn more about the Tournament, the Scholarship, the youth/alcohol resource links and more visit:http://www.danielfurrmemorial.golf.com.