



Dear Friends,

At First Tee – Pittsburgh, we are known for our age-based golf and life skills curriculum, offered through our clinics, in-school and after-school programs, and community partnerships. But our impact goes far beyond clinics. We provide young people with experiences that help them grow, learn, and develop valuable life skills both on and off the course.



Last year, our Ready FORE Work caddie program reached 25 participants—a milestone we originally set for 2025! This program equips teens with essential skills, work experience, and networking opportunities that can lead to college scholarships and careers in the golf industry.

We also offer access to the Isaly's Junior Golf Tour, where participants gain competitive experience, develop resilience, and sharpen their course management skills. Each season, our **participant invitationals** allow families to walk the course with their children, seeing firsthand the progress made over six-week clinics. Through PGA Jr. League, kids experience team-based golf, wearing numbered uniforms and competing in a fun, supportive environment.

For our teens seeking more play opportunities, we host **Purposeful Practice sessions** at premier private clubs, including Allegheny, Fox Chapel, and Longue Vue. These sessions expose participants to championship-level course conditions and reinforce their training. This year, we are expanding **teen tournament opportunities** by partnering with First Tee – Akron and First Tee – Cleveland, in addition to hosting a local Teen vs. Coaches tournament at The Bob. All these opportunities are either free, low-cost, or have financial aid available, ensuring that every child has access to the game and the life skills it teaches.



Beyond golf, we provide mentorship programs to guide participants on their paths to college and careers. With three scholarships available—two of which are renewable—along with access to external scholarship opportunities, we ensure our participants have the resources they need to succeed.

At First Tee – Pittsburgh, we are building game changers—on and off the course. Your support helps get kids into golf, teaches them life skills, and provides opportunities beyond their reality. **Donors like you support the youth, and kids are 100% of our future.** If we don't invest in our future, we have no future. Please consider making a gift today to help us continue empowering young people through golf and beyond.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Amato".

Eric Amato – President & CEO



Our 2024 Impact - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○



8

Program
Locations



1,607

Registered
Participants



14

Program
Partners



150+

Active
Volunteers



\$29,000

College
Scholarships for
10 Participants



33%

Overall
Retention



50%

Teen
Retention



25%

Diverse
Participants



31%

Female
Diversity



5 Participants

Attended National
Opportunities



Where are they now?

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Patrick Bush is studying Business Management at Bloomsburg University (Class of 2027). During his time with First Tee – Pittsburgh, he experienced incredible opportunities, including the Congaree Global Golf Initiative, the First Tee Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach, and the Game Changers Academy.

Patrick joined First Tee – Pittsburgh in 2013 and was the first recipient of the Morty Gurrentz Scholarship, which he has since renewed. His favorite memory is participating in a purposeful practice at Oakmont CC. Simply being on the property and taking in the beauty of the course was incredible, but sharing the experience with some of his closest friends made it even more special.

Each summer, he returns to work in the golf shop and teach Operation 36 classes at The Bob.

From arriving in the U.S. at 12 years old to earning her LPGA Class A Certification, Mercedes Epondulan's journey is one of resilience, dedication, and passion for the game.

A First Tee – Pittsburgh alum, Mercedes pushed through language barriers, embraced the challenges of golf, and found a love for mentoring young players.

During her time with First Tee, she was selected for the Hank Haney Golf Academy in Hilton Head, SC, and the Future Leaders Forum at Disney World, gaining valuable experiences that shaped her path. Now, she's paying it forward—coaching junior golfers, coordinating women's golf activities, and inspiring the next generation.

2025 U.S. Open



We are excited about the 2025 U.S. Open and the incredible opportunity it offers to provide our participants with an unforgettable experience. Thanks to the generous support of Isaly's, we can help cover some of the costs associated with these experiences, allowing our kids to enjoy the world-renowned Oakmont Country Club. As we finalize plans and await confirmation from the USGA, we are eagerly preparing for what will surely be a remarkable event. Stay informed about these opportunities by subscribing to our newsletter at FirstTeePittsburgh.org/newsletter.

Additionally, we are excited to invite you to volunteer at the 2025 U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club, June 9-15! Volunteers will assist at food concession booths during the tournament, with a portion of the proceeds supporting our mission to empower youth through golf and life skills programs. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for these efforts. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit to at least one shift. Uniform shirts will be provided and volunteers are required to wear khakis and slip-resistant shoes. For more details and to sign up, visit FirstTeePittsburgh.org/2025usopen.

FTP Scholarships

Deacon Palmer Scholarship

Established by First Tee – Pittsburgh in partnership with the Deacon Palmer Endowment Fund, the scholarship supports active participants in their pursuit of higher education. Awarded to two participants each year, this \$2,000 renewable scholarship recognizes outstanding merit, citizenship, academic achievement, and dedication to First Tee's mission.

Morty Gurrentz Scholarship

Funded by Joan and Rodger Gurrentz in partnership with First Tee – Pittsburgh, the scholarship provides financial assistance for college or post-secondary education. Awarded to one participant each year, this \$5,000 renewable scholarship recognizes exceptional merit, citizenship, academic achievement, and dedication to First Tee's mission, with renewal available for up to four years.

Bob Ford Leadership Award

The Bob Ford Leadership Award, established by former Oakmont Country Club Head Professional Bob Ford in partnership with First Tee – Pittsburgh, honors individuals who embody the spirit of golf in Western Pennsylvania. Bob Ford's distinguished career as a player, teacher, and leader at Oakmont and Seminole Country Club serves as an inspiration for the recipients of this award, recognizing their exceptional leadership and commitment to the game.



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2024 Morty Gurrentz
Recipient

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June 3	Women's Golf Day	August 9	Teen vs Coaches Tournament
June 7	Pittsburgh City Amateur	August 23	Summer Participant Invitational
June 9-15	U.S. Open Opportunities	September 6	Tee It Forward & Pebble Beach Raffle
June 21	Spring Participant Invitational	October 12	Teen Tournament with FT Cleveland
June 29	Rubber vs Steel Cup Challenge with FT Akron	October 18	Fall Participant Invitational
July 28	Annual Golf Classic	October 25	Annual Halloween Party
		November 1	Junior Glow Golf (Invitation Only)

For more information, visit FirstTeePittsburgh.org/Events



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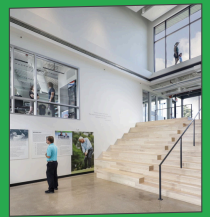
Outdoor balcony patio and
meeting space



Access to the Bob O'Connor
Golf Course



Two TrackMan golf simulators



The cost of providing these opportunities far exceeds the revenue we generate. While we work hard to keep fees low and provide financial aid, we rely on the generosity of donors to bridge the gap. No child or group is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Your support ensures that all young people, regardless of financial circumstances, can access the game of golf and the life-changing experiences it offers.

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Donation Amount

- ☐ **\$80** Supports one session for a child in need
- ☐ **\$300** Sponsors a year of clinics and equipment for one child
- ☐ **\$1,500** Provides critical coach training
- ☐ **\$2,500** Funds scholarships for partner programs
- ☐ **\$5,000** Expands our school programs

☐ Other: \$ _____

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Signature

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