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Grace Place for Children and Families Announces Seventh Annual “A Swing of Grace” Golf Outing

Naples, FL – April 5, 2018 – Grace Place for Children and Families in Golden Gate City announces that its seventh annual “A Swing of Grace” golf outing is scheduled for April 21, 2018 at Wyndemere Country Club.

The entry fee is \$225 per golfer and \$900 for a foursome. Sponsorships are still available. Information is under the “Get Involved” section on the Grace Place website at www.graceplacenaples.org.

The entry fee includes lunch, on-course refreshments, 18-holes of golf, golf cart rental, greens fee, range balls, and an auction and a strolling dinner following the outing.

The evening will also include a keynote address by Grace Place alumna, Eliana Tardio. Ms. Tardio will share her story of transformation from an isolated young immigrant to a confident business woman who has written three books, is the founder and owner of one of the biggest special needs blogs worldwide with more than 400 thousand subscribers, and who has spoken at the White House twice.

“A Swing of Grace” began in 2012 and is the signature fundraising event for Grace Place. One-hundred percent of the proceeds benefit Grace Place’s educational programs: the nationally recognized family literacy program, Bright Beginnings, Academy of Leaders K-12 after-school program, the AP Leadership college access program and Adult Education.

In 2017, 179 golfers hit the greens at the Wyndemere Country Club, netting a phenomenal \$194,000 for the organization. The event has netted the organization more than \$700,000 in the past six years.

“A Swing of Grace” Chair, Erik Lutgert, praises the event committee and the sponsors that have helped plan and support the 2018 event.

In addition to Mr. Lutgert, the 2018 Committee members include Jim Bosscher, Ted Corbin, Barbara Evans, Lisa Ewell, Andy Guenette, Robert Mirakian, Diane McGrath, Mike McNamara, Tracy Moffat, Russell Peterson, and Nita Rapp.

Arthrex is the presenting sponsor of the event for the third year. Other sponsors include BNY Mellon, Clive Daniel, Conditioned Air, Corban Architect, DeAngelis Diamond, Fifth Third Bank – Private Bank, Florida Weekly, Gallagher Lutgert, Gulf Coast Construction, Lutgert Companies, Lutgert Construction, Manhattan Construction, Marissa Collections,



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About Grace Place for Children and Families

Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit education center committed to putting faith into action, providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Working with entire families, Grace Place currently enrolls over 900 individuals in its three education programs. Our nationally recognized Bright Beginnings family literacy program serves preschool children and their parents. School Age programs provide afterschool and college access programming to youth. Grace Place's Adult Education program offers English language, literacy, computer literacy, and citizenship courses. Helping families throughout Collier County combat food insecurity, the Friday Food Pantry at Grace Place serves over 220 families each week. Grace Place works extensively with community partners to provide medical and mental health screenings, referrals for other services, and financial literacy classes to the Golden Gate community. Grace Place offers many volunteer opportunities in its literacy programs, mentoring, adult education and other areas. Visit www.graceplacenaples.org to learn more.

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