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Grace Place Raises Over \$480,000 at 13th Annual "A Swing of Grace" Golf Tournament

NAPLES, FL – [July 2, 2025] – Sunshine, smiles, and the spirit of giving set the tone for a remarkable day at Grace Place's 13th Annual A Swing of Grace charity golf tournament. Held at the scenic Bonita Bay Club, the event brought together community members, donors, and supporters for a fun-filled day of golf with a powerful purpose—supporting transformational educational opportunities for local students and families.

The day teed off with the fan-favorite Putt & Pour Challenge, energizing the crowd and kicking off a lively afternoon on the links. Golfers soaked up the beautiful weather and camaraderie, all united by a shared commitment to Grace Place's mission of education, enrichment, and empowerment.

The event raised an astounding \$481,929, thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors. These funds will directly benefit Grace Place's educational programs, scholarship initiatives, and support services for students and families in Golden Gate.

Following the tournament, guests enjoyed a cocktail reception and dinner, where they heard firsthand from Grace Place scholarship recipients. Among them was Aylin, a high school student whose moving story captured the heart of every guest in the room.

"After my dad was deported, my mom and I relied on the food pantry every Friday," said Aylin. "My mom took English classes, and I was at safe and reliable Grace Place everyday learning and growing. *Because of your generosity and the support of this incredible community, I can chase my dreams.*"

The evening concluded with a dynamic live auction and Fund-A-Need paddle raise, where guests came together in a stunning display of generosity.

Grace Place extends heartfelt thanks to the generous sponsors whose support helped make this event possible, including Fifth Third Bank, Lisa & Ken Ewell, First Horizon Bank, Beth & J.P. Davis, Marta & Keith Cody, Conditioned Air, Bessemer Trust, and Naples Illustrated. Their partnership is vital to advancing the Grace Place mission and creating life-changing opportunities for local families.

"We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, sponsored, volunteered, and supported this year's tournament," said Lära Fisher, CEO of Grace Place. "This community continues to prove that it truly cares enough to make a difference."

Photos from the event are available at <https://graceplacenaples.org/a-swing-of-grace-teeing-up-for-education/>

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Grace Place for Children and Families is a nonprofit family literacy center committed to providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Grace Place enrolls over 1,300 individuals in its education programs each year. Its nationally recognized Bright Beginnings program, a Grace Place Family Literacy Model®, serves preschool children and their parents. Grace Place School Age Programs, funded by the Florida Department of Education, provides afterschool, summer, and college access programming to K-12 youth. The Adult Education program at Grace Place offers English language, literacy, computer literacy, and citizenship courses. Additionally, the Food Pantry at Grace Place serves over 350 families each week. Collaborating with community partners, Grace Place offers medical and mental health screenings, referrals, and financial literacy classes in Golden Gate. Explore volunteer opportunities in literacy, mentoring, adult education, and more at www.graceplacenaples.org.

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