



First Horizon Bank took second place: John Dwyer, Bryan Simmering, Darin De Lelys, Matt Bevins and Greg Mitchell COURTESY

SWINGING SUCCESS

Grampy's Pro-Am golf tourney raises record-breaking funds

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The 6th annual Grampy's Pro-Am, a fundraising event held at Fiddlesticks Country Club on December 8, 2023, was a resounding success, bringing together golf enthusiasts, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters for a day of philanthropy and camaraderie. The event raised over \$113,000 in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities® Southwest Florida (RMHC SWFL).

With a cool breeze in the air, 115 participants swung into action, embodying the

spirit of generosity for families and children in need. The exciting day included a great round of golf on the Long Mean, fun on-course activities, and great food. It ended with a ball drop, thanks to the South Trail Fire Station. The heartfelt commitment of all involved was evident, creating a memorable day on the course that went beyond golf.

"We are thrilled almost to double what we raised last year for RMHC SWFL, thanks to the support of our dedicated sponsors and participants, especially our event host, Grampy's Charities," said Julie Todaro, Di-

rector of Development. "This incredible achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of the sponsors, participants, volunteers, and staff. We are so grateful to everyone involved."

This event is a crucial part of our annual fundraising efforts, and its success is significantly due to Jim Castle and Grampy's Charities, who has been underwriting it for the past six years. Their commitment and generosity have been instrumental in helping us support our programs.

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Volunteers Judy Nedeau, Francine Zizelman, Grampy, John Arnold, Amber Jandik, Gail Seamonds, and Marie Martin COURTESY

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Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the event’s sponsors, without whom this achievement would not have been possible:

- Premier Sponsor: Sanibel Captiva Community Bank
- Title Sponsor: First Horizon Bank Foundation
- Event Sponsor: Grampy’s Charities
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snard Insurance, Dairy-Mix, Inc., Adams Foods, Inc., and Grandma’s Grove RV Park

- Hole-In-One Sponsor: Scanlon Auto Group
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- Congratulations to the winning teams:
- 1st Place Winners First Horizon Bank (team #2): Players Ralph Cioffi, Lee Weeks, James Mason, and Rodney Bungartz
 - 2nd Place winners - First Horizon Bank (team #1): Players John Dwyer, Bryan Simmering, Golf Pro, Matt Bevins, and Greg Mitchell
 - 3rd Place winners - Team Jandik: Players Dr. Ken Jandik, Dennis Glover, Bob Foust, and Ric Nalyd

“Stay tuned for details about our 7th annual Grampy’s Pro-Am Golf Tournament that will take place in December 2024,” Julie added.

For more information about supporting RMHC SWFL and underwriting opportunities, visit our website rmhcswfl.org, or contact Julie Todaro at (239) 437-0202 or julie@rmhcswfl.org.