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Programs Awarded Grants by the National Alliance for Accessible Golf

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The National Alliance for Accessible Golf Grants (funded by the USGA over the years) are awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. Awards are given to programs which are inclusive in nature. This means participants with disabilities in the program doing the same things as participants without disabilities. Not all applications are funded, and rarely are requests funded fully. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$20,000, but it is important to note that grant awards are based on the budget submitted and there are no limits and no amount too small. Please look at the below documents to learn more about the types of programs that are funded and at what level.

2022 Grants

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| <p>I Got This Foundation Glendale, AZ Contact: Tracy Hupko, Exec Director 602-703-3001 www.igotthis.foundation</p> | <p>The I GOT THIS Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, believes in people with intellectual disabilities. By providing golf instruction, playing opportunities, and organized events, we strive to teach people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities to play golf, paving the way for them to compete in leagues with typical peers, join high school teams and even obtain athletic college scholarships. Golf is a sport where everyone plays the same game on the same field. Our vision is that people with intellectual disabilities become included in those games.</p> | <p>\$12,500 9/22/22</p> |
| <p>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association Lake Forest, IL Contact: Christine Kizawa (847) 283-0908 www.glasa.org</p> | <p>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) strives to "Let No One Sit on the Sidelines" and operates under a mission to promote and support the optimal development and well-being of youth, adults and military veterans who have a physical or visual disability through the provision of inclusive recreation, fitness and competitive sports activities. GLASA offers opportunities for empowerment through education, leadership and training in collaboration with community-based organizations</p> | <p>\$2,000 8/5/22</p> |
| <p>The Turn North Olmsted, OH Contact: Frank Rihtar (440) 821-6957 www.jointheturn.org</p> | <p>The Turn provides innovative programs to more than 200 participants annually at the campus of the Wharton Center at North Olmsted Golf Club. Program participants represent a broad range of physical disabilities, including stroke survivors, amputations, traumatic brain injuries, visual impairment, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and parkinson's disease.</p> | <p>\$2,000 8/5/22</p> |
| <p>Scottish Rite for Children Dallas, TX Contact: Danni Sanford, Stephanie Brigger, Dana Dempsey (212) 559-8374 www.scottishriteforchildren.org</p> | <p>The Learn to Golf program gives Scottish Rite for Children patients throughout Texas with physical challenges a hands-on introduction to the game of golf. The program provides the tools and instruction needed for patients to participate in and reap the rehabilitative benefits of the game. Learn to Golf was launched in 1998 by the hospital's Therapeutic Recreation department and was built upon the National Amputee Golf Association's First Swing program.</p> | <p>\$2,000 8/5/22</p> |
| <p>Saratoga Regional YMCA Saratoga Springs, NY Contact: Tim LaSarso, Kristi Savage (518) 583-9622 www.srymca.org</p> | <p>The YMCA's focus on youth development is evident in their Child Development and Youth programs. These include child care, preschool, before and after school, sports, fitness, arts, education, leadership, and camp programs. These programs help children develop values,</p> | <p>\$2,000 8/5/22</p> |

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| | improve skills, and build healthy relationships, which results in positive behaviors, better health, and academic achievement. | |
| Project Golf North Myrtle Beach, SC Contact: Angel Diaz (808) 306-1435 www.projectgolf.org | Myrtle Beach will utilize its current assets of instructors, golf facilities, media relations, creative and strategic management to provide a cohesive program to stimulate interest, trial and game improvement across all demographic segments. | \$2,000 8/5/22 |
| Treetops Military League - Patriot Golf Day Shootout Gaylord, MI Contact: Kevin McKinley (989) 731-8402 www.treetops.com/golf/leagues/military-league/ | A weekly golf league running between Memorial Day and Labor Day with a team format similar to PGA Junior League serving veterans and active duty military including golfers with and without disabilities in an inclusive environment promoting relaxation and fellowship. | \$2,000 8/5/22 |
| Special Olympics Texas San Antonio, TX Contact: Lynne Holmquist (402) 990-6047 www.sotx.org | The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. | \$5,000 4/20/22 |
| Special Olympics UT Salt Lake City, UT Contact: Courtnie Worthen (801) 889-6129 www.sout.org | The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. | \$5,000 4/20/22 |
| Special Olympics North America Raleigh, NC Contact: Craig Pippert (919) 785-0702 www.specialolympics.org | The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. | \$20,000 3/24/22 |

2021 Grants

I Got This Foundation
Glendale, AZ
Contact: Joe Bockerstette
(602) 828-4114
www.igotthis.foundation

The I Got This Foundation was formed by Amy Bockerstette and the Foundation to develop golf curriculum, academies and playing opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Starting with 2 clinics in the Phoenix, AZ area, the goal is to expand nationwide the I Got This Golf Academy. \$12,500

2020 Grants

The Turn

2nd year grant (see descriptive under 2019)

\$10,000

2019 Grants

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| The Turn North Olmsted, OH Contact: Frank Rihtar (440) 686-1074 Ext 209 www.jointheturn.org | The Turn improves the health and wellness of people with physical disabilities through its health-promoting adaptive golf programs offered free of charge at its fully accessible campus of the Wharton Center at North Olmsted Golf Club. | \$10,000 |
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2018 Grants

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| Els for Autism | Ernie Els #GameON Autism™ Golf Program is a new, innovative program, developed by Els for Autism in collaboration with PGA Reach and The First Tee, that gives children and young adults on the spectrum, ages 6-23, access to the game of golf. The program is aimed at developing life skills, encouraging social interaction and promoting healthy living through golf. #GameON Autism Golf is designed to build self-esteem and confidence in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment; encouraging participants to learn golf skills while practicing specific autism learning concepts infused into each golf session. | \$6,250 |
| United Cerebral Palsy Empowered Through Golf Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Contact: Elizabeth Cardamone (716) 297-0798 Ext. 173 www.empowered-wny.org | The Empowered through Golf program creates opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn the game of golf and increase community involvement and understanding of people with disabilities through interaction. | \$2,100 |
| The Children's Course Gladstone, OR 97027 Contact: Justin Ratte and Cathy Porter (503) 722-1530 www.thefirstteegreaterportland.org | The Children's Course provides a facility and programs that give youth with disabilities the opportunity to participate in a program that builds character and physical activity through golf and engages youth without disabilities to volunteer and participate. | \$5,000 |
| Freedom Golf Association Burr Ridge, IL 60527 Contact: Mark Johnson (847) 507-9250 www.fgagolf.org | This funding is partial funding for a ParaGolfer for the FGA Stony Creek Adaptive Golf Learning Center and FGA's First Tee and Get Out and Play programs which uses golf to enhance health and skill development for youth and adults with disabilities | \$11,500 |
| No Restrictions Golf Foundation McKinney, Texas 75070 Contact: Teresa Millman 734-634-4332 www.norestrictionsgolf.org | The mission of The N.R.G. Foundation (NRG) is to create a comprehensive and rehabilitative golf and support program for veterans and first responders with physical disabilities or those with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and/or Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), as well as their spouses, caregivers, and immediate family members. We aim to increase participation in golf by providing a therapeutic approach to the game. We provide inclusive and accessible physical, social, and community opportunities to improve the quality of life for these great heroes and their families. | \$6,000 |

Envision Foundation
Wichita, KS 67203
Contact: Andrea Travis
316-440-1531

The program is designed to provide people who are blind or visually impaired with opportunities for physical, mental, social and emotional growth and development through the game of golf. Our goals are to enable youth and adults with visual impairment to learn basic skills of golf; foster friendships with one-on-one mentors and other players; build confidence and self-reliance; and experience the benefit of physical activity. We incorporate a curriculum explaining the life lessons of golf and how they apply to participants' everyday lives. A second-hand purpose is to increase awareness of vision loss and promote service to people with vision loss.

\$6,500

United Disability Service, Inc.
Akron, OH 44311
Contact: Laurie Freedman
330-762-9975
www.usdakron.org

Our program is one of this region's only inclusive program that pairs athletes with a wide range of development and physical disabilities with non-disabled players and volunteers of all abilities provide coaching, support and positive interaction at an average ratio of one volunteer coach to three participants. The program also encourages local high school golfers to participate as a method of breaking down stereotypes and fears about individuals with disabilities. All-Star Training Club is a sanctioned Special Olympic organization and the only program in our area that offers this type of integrated program that includes both adults and children with developmental disabilities.

\$4,000

Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center
San Francisco, Ca. 94132
Contact: Esther Landau
www.prrcsf.org

Pomeroy Goals \$3,380

- To enable individuals with disabilities to experience the health, social, and skill-building benefits of the game of golf
- To educate the non-disabled public about the contributions and value of individuals with disabilities.
- To continue our partnership with The First Tee and Harding Park.
- To engage our clients in ongoing golf instruction to increase their skills and comfort level with the game.
- To increase community engagement by holding a tournament for our clients and non-disabled members of the public to play side by side.
- To cultivate a healthy spirit of competition and for all the golfers in the year round program to build skills as they train, whether or not they end up in the tournament.

U of Maryland Medical Fdn.
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Contact: Tina Miller
Phone: 410-328-6068
www.ummsfoundation.org

The Rehabilitation & Orthopedic Institute has an on-site golf practice area which includes 2400 square foot synthetic greens with bunker and a grass area to practice full swings for both short game and driving. However, the tee line is not fully accessible to wheelchair use and is a challenge for those with unsteady gait because the grass cannot be cut short enough and the terrain is uneven. They are adding a synthetic tee line that will allow wheelchair access. This will connect to the existing accessible pathway.

\$6,756

Union County
Elizabeth, NJ 02027
Contact: Nicole DeAugustine

Union County's inclusive golf programs all take place either at the Ash Brook Golf Course or the Galloping Hill Golf Course, which are public, County-run courses. Golf instructors involved

\$6,400

Phone: 908-527-4916
<http://ucnj.org>

with the programs work with golfers of all skill levels and ages during and outside of program hours. This environment is vital to the inclusivity of the County's golf programs, as it allows for program participants to interact with everyday golfers and the courses' golf pros during and outside program hours. The developmental golf programs are inclusive and invite all County residents, regardless of skill level, mental and/or physical abilities, or mobility issues to participate. The County recognizes the importance of having participants learn and play golf side by side.

2017 Grants

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| Via Services, Inc. Santa Clara, CA Contact: Sandy Keefe, MSN, RN Phone: 408-867-1115 www.viaservices.org | See 2016 Grant | \$15,800 |
| Adaptive Sports Foundation Warriors in Motion Novice Golf Program Contact: Kim Seevers Phone: 518-734-5070 www.adaptivesportsfoundation.org | See 2016 Grant | \$706 |
| Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Dallas, Texas Contact: Stephanie Brigger or Dana Dempsey Phone: 214-559-8374 tsrh.org | See 2012 Grant application | \$5,000 |
| Special Olympics Louisiana Golf Program Contact: Carlos Alessi Phone: 9850507-0654 www.laso.org | Special Olympics Louisiana is seeking an important expansion of its athlete golf program to support local developmental programs and developmental training of Athletes for state and national competition. | \$2,550 |
| The HERD "The First" at Golfing Little Rock, AR Contact: Deborah McAfee Phone: 501-626-8372 | In an effort to rule out the notion that physical/mental ability should direct your ability, The HERD uses golf and mentors to engage participants in the game of golf. | \$7,000 |
| Union County, NJ Inclusive Golf Program Elizabeth, NJ Contact: Nicole DeAugustine Phone: 908-527-4916 http://ucnj.org/ | The Union County Inclusive Golf Program promotes and practices the principle that recreational activities and opportunities should be open to all residents of the county. | \$6,400 |
| Mid Atlantic Blind Golf Association | The Mid Atlantic Blind Golf Association uses golf to engage individuals with visual disability into the game and game. In order to expand their programming, they are building pitch and putt golf courses for the New York and Georgia Schools for the Blind. | \$10,000 |

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| <p>JD Smith Middle School Smith Adaptive Golf School N. Las Vegas, NV Contact: Robert Lucero (702) 683-3416 www.jdsmithms.org</p> | <p>The goal of the Smith Adaptive Golf School is to use the game of golf to provide a social inclusion opportunity for students with disabilities, and match them with students without disabilities by joining groups of "foursome golf buddy" relationships. They learn the game of golf and new skills, play and enter a team scramble event together.</p> | \$5,000 |
| <p>Envision Inc. Wichita, KS Contact: Lisa Capps Lisa.Capps@envisionus.com</p> | <p>See 2015 Grants</p> | \$4,000 |
| <p>Special Children's Charities Special Olympics Chicago Chicago, IL Contact: Jim Sheahan jsheahan@sochicago.org</p> | <p>The primary mission of Special Children's Charities is to promote, foster and encourage physical and mental health and improvement for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In cooperation with the Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools and Special Olympics Illinois, the organization is committed to providing year-round sports training and recreation/social programming.</p> | \$7,500 |
| <p>On Course Foundation Orlando, FL Contact: John Dodds John.dodds@oncoursefoundationusa.org</p> | <p>On Course Foundation supports on-going recovery, social inclusion and development of wounded, injured and sick Service Members and Veterans through golf. The mission is to build confidence and self-belief in our Members through golf skills and employment events, and set participants on path to meaningful employment in the golf industry.</p> | \$4,490 |
| <p>Cerebral Palsy of Rochester Rochester, NY Contact: Michael Cocquyt mccocquyt@cprochester.org</p> | <p>CP Rochester supports individuals of all ages and abilities to determine their own pathway in life. One of the programs we offer is SportsNet, a comprehensive, community based, inclusive sports and recreation program. Funding is for half of an adaptive golf car.</p> | \$5,000 |
| <p>Marty Turcios Therapeutic Golf Foundation Augusta, GA Contact: Melody Lacy mlacy853@hotmail.com</p> | <p>See 2013 for information. Note that this program has moved to Augusta, GA. Grant is for half of the purchase of a ParaGolfer and the balance for program costs</p> | \$18,472 |
| <p>Par Excellence Youth Development Huntsville, Alabama Contact: Howard Bankhead Phone: 256-604-8172 www.Peyd.com</p> | <p>The Above Par Excellence program mission is to positively influence the lives of youth by providing educational programs that encourage fitness, builds character, and supports academics. Daily academic & life skills including math, science, reading and character development are included as well as daily/weekly golf skills including hitting balls, playing 3-9 holes, in classroom, golf courses, fitness centers. Life skills outside of golf include visiting cultural facilities.</p> | \$8,700 |

See 2014 for information

2016 Grants

**Northern Ohio Golf Association
Charities & Foundation
Return to Golf**

111 N. Olmstead Ohio
Contact: Frank Rihtar
Phone: 440-686-1070
www.NOGACHarities.org

\$13,500

The mission of The First Tee is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. The accessible golf program introduces young people in an inclusive program involving youth with and without disabilities.

\$12,000

The First Tee of Charleston

Contact: Meghan Taylor
Phone: 843-864-4200
www.thefirstteegreatercharleston.org

The Warriors in Motion Novice Golf Program provides outdoor physical activity through the game of golf, wellness education, and mentorship/leadership opportunities for injured and ill United States servicemen and women. Through this program, they will embrace a healthy lifestyle by learning a lifelong sport that can be played with their able-bodied peers.

\$7,000

**Adaptive Sports Foundation
Warriors in Motion Novice
Golf Program**

Contact: Kim Seevers
Phone: 518-734-5070
www.adaptivesportsfoundation.org

The Military Veterans golf program provides disabled and able bodied veterans with the opportunity to grow their golf skills together, while encouraging one another.

\$3,000

**Revelation Golf, Inc
Elk Grove, Illinois**

Contact: Donna Strum
Phone: 630.253.7703
www.revelationgolf.org

Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center provides vocational and educational opportunities for people with disabilities through programs and services that encourage self-expression, promote personal achievement and lead to greater independence. The Pomeroy Putt program enables individuals with disabilities to experience the health, social and skill building benefits of golf and educates the non-disabled public about the contributions and value of individuals with disabilities. The program introduces the clients to golf through instruction and access. The program also works in conjunction with The First Tee, Special Olympics and other organizations.

\$3,571

**Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation
Center (Pomeroy Putt)
San Francisco, CA**

Contact: Matt Snyder
Phone: 415-213-8577
www.prrcsf.org

The MIGA program focuses on eliminating the barriers of entry to the game of golf for underserved youth with disabilities by providing proper education, instruction and opportunity while including those without disabilities. To achieve measures of renewed self-esteem, self-confidence, social and cognitive development, physical rehabilitation and other character building

\$13,000

**Mobility Impaired Golf Assoc.
Tigerd, OR**

Contact: Mike Adams

Phone: 971-404-4800
www.migolf.org

opportunities for children and young adults with special needs while enjoying the game of golf side by side via a program free of charge and not provided exclusively elsewhere.

Provide special needs participants the same experience as all other participants, and to provide opportunities for ALL participants to play side by side in a unified manner while building confidence in participants and reinforcing every day skills and long-term objectives.

\$5,000

**The First Tee of Fort Smith
Fort Smith, AR**
Contact: Chris Murphy
Phone: 479-648-9833
www.thefirstteefortsmith.org

**Freedom Golf Association
Burr Ridge, IL**
Contact: EQ Sylvester
Phone: 630-579-8202
www.fgagolf.org

This program funding is to support the FGA GET OUT AND PLAY program. Each session involves a warm-up/instructional session followed by on-course play of three to nine holes, depending on each participant's abilities. FGA coaches are available to assist players with shot-making techniques, course and game rules, and proper golf etiquette, and to assist golfers with their adaptive equipment if needed. These introductions to on-course play are a major element of FGA's mission of providing joy AND freedom to adaptive golfers.

\$7,500

**Northeast Accessible Golf Association
DBA Golf For All
Wellesley Hills, MA**
Contact: Frederick J. Corcoran
Phone: 617-600-4673
www.golfforall.org

Through the game of golf, individuals with disabilities become actively engaged in the social fabric of a community and derive health benefits that improve quality of life. A major part of this process is educating the disabled individual of the therapeutic and rehabilitative possibilities of golf, and persuading the able-bodied golfer of the social, recreational and competitive opportunities that such a program engenders. Too many potential golfers are languishing and inactive in the belief that golf is beyond their physical limitations. This program provides access to the game so that all of the above is achieved.

\$5,000

**Via Services, Inc.
Santa Clara, CA**
Contact: Sandy Keefe, MSN, RN
Phone: 408-867-1115
www.viaservices.org

"Fore! Inclusive Golf Lessons" centers on a scenario in which individuals at three different levels of motor, sensory and cognitive functioning learn the rules and skills of the game side-by-side during small group lessons that seamlessly integrate the necessary accommodations and modifications to reduce issues around accessibility and negative social attitudes. These populations include: 1) children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder, Down Syndrome, and general developmental delays, 2) children, teens and adults with physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injuries and spina bifida and, 3) children, teens and adults who are typically-developing.

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| <p>Links to Freedom Golf Foundation Springfield, VA Contact: Ron Coon Phone: 520-270-6559</p> | <p>L2F uses "HERO" to achieve goals and objectives at multiple locations for the next three years to prove the concept used at Fort Belvoir in Virginia – the nationwide! H=Healthy activities; adaptive golf is a great way to overcome barriers and promote healthy, active involvement for all. E=Expand the horizons for every participant; give them more than just rehabilitation, enable social and emotional connections to build confidence and lasting friendships. R=Reintegrate wounded service members and their families; create a safe environment to gain trust with others and confidence in themselves. O=Operationalize the program nationwide consistent with golf course operations and capabilities/needs.</p> | <p>\$11,000</p> |
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2015 Grants

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| <p>Alternative Intervention Research Clinic (GREAT GOLF) Mesa, AZ Contact: Dr. Debra Crews Phone: 602-361-5355 www.aircaz.org</p> | <p>GREAT GOLF (Golf Research, Education and Training) is organized to be an inclusive golf program that teaches children ages four to eighteen years the golf game while simultaneously instilling skills that will help them in the classroom, socially and at home. This includes, but is not limited to, emotional self-regulation, focus, self-confidence and socially acceptable behaviors.</p> | <p>\$5,000</p> |
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| <p>Salute Military Golf Association Silver Spring, Md. Contact: Scott Eaton Phone: 301-500-7449 smga.org</p> | <p>This program provides rehabilitative golf experiences with family inclusive golf opportunities for post 9/11 war veterans who were wounded or injured during military operations.</p> | <p>\$7,000</p> |
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| <p>Envision Vision Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Wichita, Ks. Contact: Mandy Fleming Phone: 316-440-1530 envisionus.com</p> | <p>The goal of this program is to inspire and impact the lives of people with vision impairment by providing opportunities of physical, mental, social and emotional growth and development through golf. The focus is on building friendships with mentors and other players in developing confidence, self-reliance and independence.</p> | <p>\$11,400</p> |
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| <p>Special Olympics Wyoming Casper, Wy. Contact: Patricia Dowse Phone: 307-235-3062 Specialolympicswy.org</p> | <p>The program is expanding to offer instructional programs in Casper, Laramie and Cheyenne. Each program will include instruction, practice and play at local golf courses. In addition, there will be a clinic during the summer games to promote the Unified golf program in Wyoming.</p> | <p>\$2,760</p> |
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| <p>Little Linksters Assoc. for Junior Golf Development Deltona, FL. Contact: Brendon Elliott</p> | <p>The new G.O.A.L.S. program (Golf Outreach Advances Life Skills) uses golf to enhance the lives of young children with special needs of all kinds. The instructional program has been specifically developed to provide something new to explore. The program works with many central Florida agencies to recruit participants and the</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> |
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Phone: 321-278-1612
LittleLinksters.com

program is designed for participants to progress to involvement in the Little Linksters player development programs.

Walton Foundation for Independence, Inc.

Augusta, Ga.
Contact: Vicki Greene
Phone: 706-823-7066
Waltonfoundation.net

The Adaptive Golf program brings persons with disabilities closer to independence and meaningful life. The goal is to raise awareness of the benefits of sports and leisure activities. Instructional programs are enhanced by encouraging ongoing play via the provision of vouchers for local golf courses. The program works with TFT of August and Aiken, Ga.

\$6,525

VIA Services

Santa Clara, Ca.
Contact: Sandy Keefe
Phone: 408-867-1115
Viaservices.org

The new Fore! Inclusive Golf program focuses on individuals with various disabilities participating side by side with those without disabilities in small groups to seamlessly integrate the necessary accommodations to reduce issues around accessibility and negative social attitudes. Partnering with the Positive Coaching Alliance and TFT of San Jose.

\$16,000

The First Tee of Tri-Valley

Pleasanton, California
Contact: Laura Hadley
Phone: 925-462-7201
Thefirstteetrivalley.org

This is a program to provide developmental and instructional programs for the local Easter Seal Society clients to learn golf programs skills and to work towards integration into The First Tee Program

\$2,000

Bergenfield Public Schools

Bergenfield, NJ
Contact: Dr. Arthur Frieman
201 385-8202
bergenfield.org

The "Not Far from Par" Golf Program will enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorders. In addition to filling the recreational needs of the participants, the program also provides unique opportunities for teens with autism to form closer bonds with peers, siblings and parents. The program uses a buddy system that will provide one buddy with two participants. The program provides for an extensive evaluation for participant ability to focus, retain information and ability to golf.

\$5,000

Fore Hope, Inc.

Columbus, OH.
Contact: Mindy Derr
Phone 614-499-6287
forehope.org

The therapeutic golf program provides PGA instruction and uses the Safari Golf Club in Columbus as its home course. The focus on the program is to improve the quality of life for the underserved population with disabilities. The vision is to reach as many people as possible to assist them cognitively, physically and socially in being included in the community.

\$7,500

2014 Grants

Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge

Hospital, Maryland Heights, MO
Contact: Janine Roe
Phone: 314-872-6481
Rankenjorden.org

This junior therapeutic golf program focuses on development of physical strength, flexibility, motor control, hand-eye coordination and balance through golf. The program allows participants to focus on what they can do rather than what they can't do and helps them prepare for life at home.

\$1,800

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| <p>Brooks Rehabilitation Jacksonville, Fl. Contact: Marion Anderson Phone: 904-345-7481 Brookshealth.org</p> | <p>This grant will allow the agency to expand their adaptive golf program in order to serve participants with mobility impairments allowing them to play from an adapted device. A primary goal is to empower golfers to play recreational golf at their leisure alongside golfers without disabilities.</p> | <p>\$16,970</p> |
| <p>Not Forgotten, Inc. Youngsville, NC Contact: Peggie M. Simpson Phone: 919240-9121 Not4gotteninc.net</p> | <p>The Swing in 2 Golf Program targets youth between the ages of 8-12 years old. The goal is to teach golf to youth who would not otherwise participate. The development of social skills for those with life-long impairments is a major goal so that they will have the skills to continue to play the game.</p> | <p>\$16,000</p> |
| <p>The Children's Course TFT Gladstone, Oregon Contact: Cathy Porter Phone: 503-805-0500 Thefirstteegreaterportland.org</p> | <p>This program offers a 3-day golf camp to children with disabilities with the goal of providing opportunities to learn a life-long sport, make healthy choices and engage in physical activity.</p> | <p>\$4,000</p> |
| <p>Down Syndrome Assoc. of Central Ohio Columbus, OH</p> | <p>The Down Syndrome Golf Academy (DSGA) is partnered with The First Tee of Central Ohio and uses TFT Nine Core Values Curriculum to teach golf as well as developing social, decision making, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, and other values and life skills. The goal is to include those participating in the DSGA into inclusive programs</p> | <p>\$3,970</p> |
| <p>Revelation Golf, Inc. Elk Grove, Illinois Contact: Donna Strum (630) 253-7703 revelationgolf.org</p> | <p>This is a new program for Revelation Golf. This program will work with veterans to gain independence to play golf with others in their community.</p> | <p>\$5,000</p> |
| <p>Ventura County Golf & Life Skills, Inc. Santa Barbara, CA Contact: Sally Quinlen (818) 389-4332 GuppyGolf.com</p> | <p>This is a matching grant that expands earlier grant programs and expands into developing relationships with The First Tee to move participants, when age appropriate into that program.</p> | <p>\$2,000</p> |
| <p>Adaptive Golf Association Atlanta, Georgia Contact: Marc Timson Phone: 678 361-0677 www.adaptivegolf.org</p> | <p>This matching grant will assist the Organization expand its program with individuals with mobility impairments that are unable to play from a standing position.</p> | <p>\$4,925</p> |
| <p>Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Dallas, Texas Contact: Stephanie Brigger Phone: 214-559-8374 tsrhc.org</p> | <p>See 2012 Grant application</p> | <p>\$5,500</p> |

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| <p>Northern Ohio Golf Association Charities & Foundation N. Olmstead Ohio Contact: Frank Rihtar Phone: 440-686-1070 www.NOGACharities.org</p> | <p>The Return to Golf helps stroke survivors, amputees, the visually impaired and individuals with traumatic brain injuries Improve balance, coordination, muscle strength and, most importantly, self-esteem under the supervision of PGA golf professionals and fitness-oriented physical therapists.</p> | <p>\$7,500</p> |
| <p>United Disability Services Akron, Ohio Contact: Laurie Freedman Phone:330-762-9755 www.udsakron.org</p> | <p>In this program, all ATC athletes will improve their social and emotional development by their participation in ATC sports events such as the ATC golf league; and the academic/sports summer camp through acceptance of athletes' individualized ability. ATC volunteers, coaches and the community will be made aware of the unique abilities of our rising stars" and their inclusion to society as equal members. Through each of the ATC sports functions, athletes, coaches and volunteers will acquire an increase of knowledge and physical ability through drills and practice and friendly competition</p> | <p>\$5,000</p> |
| <h2 style="color: #76923c;">2013 Grants</h2> | | |
| <p>Via Quest Foundation Dublin, Ohio Contact: Derek Kinzer 614-526-2384 ViaQuestFoundation.org</p> | <p>This is a new program at Via Quest. The program focuses on adults with disabilities who attend day service programs. The goal is to not only offer golf but also to introduce fitness that promotes an active lifestyle. This award supports the instruction in the program.</p> | <p>\$5,000</p> |
| <p>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Lake Forest, Illinois Contact: Cindy Housner 847-283-0973 glasa.org</p> | <p>A new program at GLASA that will serve injured military veterans and show them that golf can be a great outlet to improve physical, social and emotional health. The program will be operated from the Milwaukee Veterans Administration. This is a matching grant.</p> | <p>\$2,016</p> |
| <p>Buttonhole.org Contact: Dan Gaughan 401-421-1664 Ext. 107 Buttonhole.org</p> | <p>This is funding to assist the Button Hole Accessible Golf program continue to expand. It also provides a matching grant for the purchase of a simulator that will assist them in providing Year around programming for youth with disabilities.</p> | <p>\$10,510</p> |
| <p>Golf 4 All North East Accessible Golf Association Contact: F. Corcoran 781-772-2016 golfforall.org</p> | <p>See 2012 funding description. This grant program requires a 1:1 cash match.</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> |
| <p>Special Olympics Arizona Phoenix, AZ Contact: Miguel Quezada 520-207-1691 SpecialolympicsArizona.org</p> | <p>See 2011 funding description</p> | <p>\$2,500</p> |

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| <p>Marty Turcios Therapeutic Golf Martinez, California Contact: Marty Turcios 925-957-9441 therapeuticgolfclinic.com</p> | <p>This Program teaches golf as therapy to advance lifelong Continuing golf therapy for permanently injured people as well as persons recovering from disabling injuries or disease. The program uses golf to teach frustration management, honesty and independent self-directed use of leisure time, with intent to fight lethargy and substance abuse. This specific program will work with veterans with disabilities from the Martinez Veterans Hospital.</p> | <p>\$5,200</p> |
| <p>The Children's Course Gladstone, Oregon Contact: Cathy Porter 503-722-1530 http://www.thefirstteegreaterportland.org</p> | <p>This program intends significant expansion of the GAIN Adaptive and Inclusive golf program of The Children's Course. The GAIN model is now being used with five of the agency's programs.</p> | <p>\$6,500</p> |
| <p>N. Ohio Hemophilia Foundation Independence, Ohio Contact Randi Clites 216-834-0051 nohf.org</p> | <p>This program is expanding its offerings with participants who have bleeding disorders by partnering with the First Tee of Akron on a limited basis.</p> | <p>\$3,000</p> |
| <p>Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Dallas, Texas Contact: Dana Dempsey (214) 559-8374 tsrhc.org</p> | <p>See 2012 Grant application</p> | <p>\$8,000</p> |
| <p>University of California Berkeley Contact: Matt Grigorieff 510 982-6769 recreports.berkeley.edu</p> | <p>This new campus wide initiative is designed with campus and community inclusion in mind. For the Therapeutic Golf with Marty program, his class will join the 100+ open enrollment Group X classes that are popular with the 36,000+ students on campus. To increase participation of people with disabilities, the class will actively be marketed to students through the Disabled Students Union and the Disabled Students Program Office. Community members will be marketed through the Cal Star Program which serves the fitness needs of community members with disabilities. Outreach will extend to partnering with the Berkeley Center for Independent Living, BORP (Bay Outreach Recreational Program), and the Ed Roberts Campus. The Golf Fore Veterans Program was created in partnership with the Cal Students Veteran Group which consists of disabled and non-disabled members. Both will be participating in the program. In time, the Golf Fore Veterans would like to expand participation to veterans in the local area.</p> | <p>\$15,000</p> |
| <p>North East Accessible Golf Association Contact: Frederick J. Corcoran 781-772-2016 golfforall.org</p> | <p>Golf For All runs year-round programming for veterans, people with autism, Parkinson's Disease and movement disorders, spinal cord injuries and paralysis, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, amputees, blind golfers, and more. Clinics are taught by PGA professionals who have</p> | <p>\$15,000</p> |

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| | successfully completed a certification process for teaching golfers with adaptive needs. Golfers of all abilities and gender are welcomed and we invite participants to bring their families and extended support network to participate in clinics. No previous golf experience is necessary and equipment is provided. | |
| Special Olympics, PA Contact: Christine Anderson 610-630-9450 specialolympicspa.org | This program is developing new Special Olympics in underserved or unserved rural counties in the State of Pennsylvania. The program is a significant expansion of the current State programs that will allow individuals with disabilities the opportunity to learn to play golf. | \$7,300 |
| Access of Wilmington Contact: Dan Johnson 910-313-1759 accesswilmington.org | See 2010 grant description | \$7,500 |
| Golf Academy of Columbia | See 2012 grant description | \$10,000 |
| City of Florence, KY | See 2012 grant description | \$1,000 |
| Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities Contact: Tina Acosta 260-483-2100 turnstone.org | The goal of Turnstone's SWING program is to introduce persons with physical disabilities to golf as a sports and leisure activity to support a healthy lifestyle. The SWING program will consist of 4 core components: a golf clinic, golf lessons, independent course and driving range access and participation in Turnstone's annual golf outing. Through these program activities it is the agency's objective to make golf a lifelong leisure activity among people with disabilities. | \$7,000 |
| Bergenfield Public School District Bergenfield, NJ Contact: Dr. Michael Kuchar 201-385-8202 bergenfield.org | See 2011 grant description | \$6,000 |
| All Star Training Club (ATC) Akron, Ohio Contact: Dan Lancianese 330-645-6419 allstartrainingclub.org | See 2010 grant description | \$3,750 |
| Goodwill of Central Ohio Columbus, Ohio Contact: Janet Ehrhardt (614)583-0295 goodwillcolumbus.org | The Above Par program goal is to re-establish a golf program for participants at Goodwill Columbus. The main objective is to expose participants to the game of golf and teach them basic skills. On an individual level, the program expects to show improvement on one or more levels: physically, socially, or cognitively. 1. Physically by showing improvements in strength and endurance, balance, range of motion, grip strength, and standing tolerance. 2. | \$2,754 |

Socially, by interacting with staff, volunteers and their peers. 3. Cognitively by learning a new game, skills, terminology and increased concentration.

New England Disabled Sports

Lincoln, NH
Contact: Jack Daly
(603) 745-9333
nedisabledsports.org

See 2012 Grant application

\$3,500

2012 Grants

**Edwin Shaw
Rehabilitation
Institute (Akron
General Foundation)**

Contact: Ron Tristano
(330) 784-5400
akrongeneral.org

Many individuals recovering from disabling conditions have achieved solid results through our core program, which uses golf as a rehabilitation and wellness tool. However, we recognize that this is just a first step in helping individuals reclaim their lives. Based on interviews with graduates of our Challenge Golf Program, many golfers recovering from a disabling condition have improved their health and skills to the point where they wish to resume playing on a regulation or public course. However, many fail to do so due to a lack of able-bodied partners who understand the special needs of golfers still recovering from disabilities or fear of playing "too slow" for a traditional course. This new program is a Challenge Golf mentoring league designed to meet the needs stated above.

\$3,960

**N. Ohio Hemophilia
Foundation**

Independence, Ohio
Contact Randi Clites
216-834 0051
nohf.org

See 2011 grant description

\$2,500

Fore Hope, Inc.

Columbus, Ohio
Contact: Mindy Derr
614-784-1111
forehope.org

The goal of this program is for the development and execution of an adaptive golf clinic for our program partners in the healthcare systems such as OhioHealth, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Parkinson's Association and VA Outpatient facility (Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center) all in Central Ohio. Our plan is for this clinic to "jumpstart" our late fall / winter programs through introductions of Fore Hope to new clients / medical staff regarding the therapeutic benefits of our programs and the overall education of our organization.

\$2,000

**Button Hole dba
Button Hole Short
Course and Teaching
Center**

Contact: Dan Gaughan
401-421-1664 Ext. 107
buttonhole.org

The pilot program, funded in part through this grant, would follow the Button Hole model. Students participating in Year I of the program (6-10 youth) would be scheduled for six classes, one a week for six weeks, during the summer break. Each class would be 90 minutes in length and would cover the rules, regulations, etiquette and skills related to golf using grant funded adaptive equipment. Students involved in the pilot program would have the opportunity to participate in Button Hole's weekly, non-class events, including tournaments that are scheduled for every Monday and Wednesday in the summer. The competition is divided

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into flights, by age. This would expand the inclusive portion of our pilot program's students' golf and life experiences. In addition, Button Hole conducts an end of the year competition for all Button Hole Kids, culminating in the awarding of the Button Hole Cup. As with all of our students, students in the pilot program would be included in in and after-school programs conducted in the fall and spring. The course curriculum for the Button Hole program for beginners is attached, along with the test administered to achieve Button Hole Kid status.

City of Florence, Kentucky - Parks & Recreation
 Florence, Ky
 Contact: Vanessa Lenear
 (859)647-5439
florenceky.gov

The City of Florence Veterans Golf Learning & Assistance Program is being initiated to provide the opportunity for veterans with disabilities the opportunity to learn and play golf. The program will provide instruction and will provide each participant with a World of Golf Privilege Card which will provide participants with low cost access to practice facilities and the golf course.

\$1,500

New England Disabled Sports
 Lincoln, NH
 Contact: Jack Daly
 (603) 745-9333
nedisabledsports.org

The goal of the program is to Introduce Individuals with disabilities to the game of golf, and to enhance the skills of those who played golf prior to their injury/disability. To allow disabled Individuals to participate with able-bodied golfers on the course. This includes family, friends, and competitors.

\$5,000

Revelation Golf, Inc.
 Elk Grove, Illinois
 Contact: Donna Strum
 (630) 253-7703
revelationgolf.org

See 2011 description for program information.

\$10,000

Ventura County Golf & Life Skills, Inc.
 Santa Barbara, CA
 Contact: Sally Quinlen
 (818) 389-4332
GuppyGolf.com

Guppy Golf's mission is to enhance the lives of children of all abilities ages 3-6 by providing a safe and fun environment to experience the outdoors, exercise, and social skills that the game of golf inherently provides. Guppy Golf is set up to inherently and universally include participants, regardless of disability or ability, to assume equal roles as participants. Students with special needs and disabilities, through the use of the nature of the program's simplified language, color coded set up mats, grips, and stations will facilitate success for all. By the very demographics and dispositions of the student's young ages, the classes will be taught so that all participants will understand and be successful whether they have special needs, typical abilities or disabilities. Guppy golf clubs will be adapted, shortened, and color coded grips and stance mats will ensure successful set up so that all students can feel that they are thriving in learning to golf

\$4,000

Via Quest Foundation
 Dublin, Ohio
 Contact: Derek Kinzer
 (614) 526-2384
ViaQuestFoundation.org

This is the second year of a two year grant (see 2011 for description)

\$9,000

The Children's Course
 Gladstone, Oregon
 Contact: Cathy Porter
 (503) 722-153

Continuation of the GAIN GOLF CAMP program. See 2011 description

\$7,000

[thefirstteegreaterportland.org/
Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp](http://thefirstteegreaterportland.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp)

**The Golf Academy of
Columbia**
Columbia, SC
Contact: Courtney Young
(803) 414-0444

The Practicing with the Pros program proposes to expand current programs to include the opportunity to make golf a lifelong sport to more individuals in the Greater Columbia, SC community. The opportunity to provide instruction to adult and junior golfers with disabilities, developmental and physical, would be a great expansion of our program and serve the need of an underserved market of golfers in our local community

\$16,000

**Down Syndrome
Association – Central
Ohio**
Columbus, OH
Contact: Nancy
Whetstone
(614) 2636020

See 2011 description. In addition, this year DSACO is adding an advanced session of the Down Syndrome Golf Academy

\$7,000

**Texas Scottish Rite
Hospital for Children**
Dallas, Texas
Contact: Dana Dempsey
(214) 559-8374
tsrhc.org

The Learn to Golf program gives hospital patients with physical disabilities a hands-on introduction to the game of golf. The program provides the tools and instruction needed for patients to participate in and reap the rehabilitative benefits of the game. This is done by offering Y, day learn to Golf Clinics around the state, providing patients who don't have equipment with a starter set of clubs, offering up to \$250 in scholarship funds for lessons helping the patient connect with a local golf instructor or community junior golf program for ongoing involvement, and annually providing a one day seminar called Tee Up for Teaching for golf instructors and allied health care professionals so they may learn more about working with golfers who have a disability, need adapted equipment as well as inclusion.

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**Spaulding
Rehabilitation** \$9,000
Waltham, MA
Contact: Larisa Pazmino
(508) 833-4004
www.spauldingrehab.org

Rise Adventures, Inc.
Irving, Texas \$2,525
Contact: Paul Gray
469-762-5075
Riseadventures.org

**Special Olympics
Arizona, Inc.** \$15,000
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Miguel Quezada
520-207-1691
SpecialOlympicsArizona.org

**Kishwaukee Special
Recreation Association** \$5,000
Dekalb, Illinois
Contact: Susan Dolaz
Zeeh
815-758-6663 ext.122
dekalbparkdistrict.com

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**The Children's Course
Gladstone, Oregon** \$6,500
Contact: Cathy Porter
503-722-153
[thefirstteegreaterportland.org/
Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp](http://thefirstteegreaterportland.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp)

GAIN Adaptive and Inclusive Golf Camp.
The camp consists of both golf activities at our course and inclusion activities to different venues. In our previous camp we took the participants to a miniature golf and arcade and a local business where they assemble golf clubs. Our camp was designed so that the participant learns the game along with a friend, parent or sibling, so that when the camp is completed they can play together. We encourage our camp participants to join one of our mainstream classes. In addition, we encourage them to come out and play golf at our course after the camp by offering to provide an instructor to join them for a round of golf. This helps to further increase their level of comfort when playing the course. We have also provided free individual lessons for participants and their mentors.

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| <p>Marty Turcios Therapeutic Golf Martinez, California Contact: Marty Turcios 925-957-9441 therapeuticgolfclinic.com</p> | <p>This program seeks to integrate the students into society by allowing them to interact independently with golf course personnel and navigate the obstacles of getting range balls, asking for transportation, and other tasks related to playing the game that able-bodied people take for granted. We are always on hand if their early attempts at interaction fail, but we believe in a separation between facilitated learning and independent activity, while the facilitated learning is always on hand.</p> | <p>\$2,500</p> |
| <p>N. Ohio Hemophilia Foundation Independence, Ohio Contact: Randi Clites 216-834-0051 nohf.org</p> | <p>The goal of this program is to enhance the quality of life for people with genetic bleeding disorders and their families, through advocacy, education, research and other services. Another goal is to introduce a safe sport that the youth can build confidence in learning. Also to increase self-esteem and provide social interaction with peers with medical conditions and to encourage outdoor exercise.</p> | <p>\$2,830</p> |
| <p>Via Quest Foundation Dublin, Ohio Contact: Derek Kinzer 614-526-2384 ViaQuestFoundation.org</p> | <p>Golf & Life Skills Program — Developmentally disabled citizens are often denied opportunities to engage in what would be considered "public recreational or social activities." Exposure to the game of golf not only enriches the lives of these special people, the game is well-suited to teach valuable lessons in life. Therefore, this Golf & Life Skills Program directly reflects our Mission and Vision. We fully expect the youth who enroll in and complete this program to not only learn about the game of golf, but to demonstrate improvement in at least three of the seven critical "life skills" as measured by the Thinking Errors Score sheet.</p> | <p>\$12,000</p> |
| <p>Children's Golf Foundation The First Tee of Palm Beaches West Palm Beach, FL Contact: Carl Mistrella 561-842-0066 thefirstteepalmbeaches.org</p> | <p>The purpose of this program is to use golf as the vehicle through which people can accomplish their dreams, thrive socially, excel academically and athletically and become productive members of society with integrity, strong family values and a commitment to their community. We currently teach 2 classes per week for students with disabilities and 2 classes for adult military veterans that have vision disabilities. This funding will allow us to continue these programs, add a third class for students and bring cutting edge therapy to paralyzed golfers.</p> | <p>\$16,500</p> |
| <p>TFT of Tri-Valley Pleasanton, CA Contact: Dan McKegey 925-462-7201 thefirstteetrivalley.org</p> | <p>This program will develop outreach programs, to partner with other youth serving organizations and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities and other underserved groups. Through our newest outreach program, Development Through Golf, we will partner with Special Olympics Northern California, Tri-Valley R.E.A.C.H. and the Easter Seals Kaleidoscope After-School program. Approximately 70 special needs individuals served by these three groups will participate in our upcoming special needs golf program and be invited to weekly golf meetings held between March and October.</p> | <p>\$3,000</p> |
| <p>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association Lake Forest, Illinois Contact: Cindy Housner 847-283-0973 glasa.org</p> | <p>The goal of this program is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To provide transportation to GLASA's golf program so that those individuals who have a physical disability can get to the driving range and golf course to learn and enjoy the game of golf. b. To provide golf instruction and play opportunities to the injured military. <p>The program impact will be the social, emotional and physical benefits derived from learning the game of golf. The impact will also be the participant's ability to seek out playing golf independently,</p> | <p>\$3,228</p> |

whether that is at a GLASA golf program, or at their community golf course. For many of the participants, this is their first time playing golf and for some their first time playing a sport. For GLASA's returning golfers, the program will provide advanced instruction for the golfer to acquire the confidence and skills to pursue the sport on a more independent and advanced level. This will lead to the individuals increased self-esteem and recognition by one's peers.

Fore Hope, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio
 Contact: Mindy Derr
 614-784-1111
forehope.org

The proposed goal for this grant application is specific to assistance for golf course access, instruction and transportation. By using golf as a means of recreational therapy, golf provides our clients with the opportunity to enhance their overall quality of life. Fore Hope participants learn golf skills that parallel their social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs. Fore Hope's staff of golf professionals, recreation therapist and volunteers have improved the lives of hundreds throughout our twenty-two years of existence. Ultimately, Fore Hope participants are better prepared for community participation after becoming involved in our therapeutic golf program. With a talent for recreational therapy services, and the growing community need for recreation, Fore Hope believes there are many individuals we have yet to serve. Fore Hope continues to strive and reach each individual's own personal needs. Through Fore Hope's therapeutic process, we can help further engage one in his / her community while also enhancing each individual's overall quality of life.

\$19,550

Walton Foundation for Independence
Augusta, GA
 Contact: Alice Salley
 706-826-5809
wrh.org

The Adaptive Golf program at Walton Foundation exists to bring persons with physical challenges closer to independence and to a meaningful life with family, friends, and communities. Another main objective is to raise awareness of the benefit of sports and leisure programs for those with acquired disabilities like spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke impairment, blindness and more. The program consists of Adaptive Golf Clinics, Adaptive Golf Player cards, The Adaptive Golf Demonstration, and the Adaptive Golf Challenge. These programs provide the opportunity for people with disabilities to either get back into the game of golf or to learn golf for the first time. These opportunities increase the quality of life for participants, and allow family members to be directly involved with their loved ones in a recreational setting.

\$5,868

Special Olympics New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM
 Contact: Edward A. Ucon
 505-792-3939
sonm.org

This grant application was not funded, since it is a Special Olympics Program that falls under our policy statements due to USGA Funding of the International Special Olympics Program. However, the Alliance Grants Committee felt that the request to provide golf equipment for the program merited funding. The funded amount is specifically for the purchase of golf clubs for participants identified in their funding request.

\$4,000

Catholic Charities — Arch Diocese of NY

This is the continuation of the program funded in 2010 (see above) The program is designed to replicate and enhance the success of

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New York, NY
Contact: Beatriz Diaz
Taveras
646-794-2438
CatholicCharitiesNY.org

the 2011 season. We expect that participants will not only learn the essentials of golf, but will also develop a deeper appreciation for the values of inclusion, self-respect, respect for others, sportsmanship and other positive life skills while developing patience, focus, discipline and self-confidence.

**Global Accessibility Initiative, Penn State University
State College, PA**
Contact: Tammy B Smith
814-867-1756
hhdev.psu.edu/rptm/outreach/Global-Accessibility.html

Penn State's Global Accessibility Initiative, the National Alliance for Accessible Golf and the Salute Military Golf Association have partnered to develop and deliver an Accessible Golf certificate program. The purpose of the program is to train golf professionals, and allied health professionals, on how to better include people with disabilities in golf instruction and play. The goal is to enhance opportunities for ALL people to play golf by teaching strategies for creating welcoming and inclusive environments, providing a working understanding of various disabilities as related to golf, introducing available adaptive golf equipment, and adaptive techniques for golf instruction. The core belief is that golf provides a therapeutic medium that improves the physical, cognitive, social and emotional aspects of participating individuals and that, through participation, possible secondary complications related to disability (e.g., social isolation, depression, substance abuse and suicide) can be minimized.

\$6,000

2010 Grants

**The Children's Course
Gladstone, Oregon**
Contact: Cathy Porter
503-722-153
thefirstteegreaterportland.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp

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\$6,000

**Massachusetts Golf Association
Norton, Massachusetts**
Contact: Joseph G. McCabe, Jr
774-430-9100
thefirstteemass.org,
mgalinks.org

The First Tee of Massachusetts — Program for blind junior golfers (Perkins School for the Blind and the Carroll Center for the Blind). This program demonstrates our commitment to working with any and all children who can benefit from everything that golf promotes — life skills, motor skills, healthy lifestyle, and wellness for life. During the spring and summer months, students from each of these schools will travel to MGA Links for several golf and life

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skills clinics. During the fall semester, our staff will travel to each school for further golf and life skills lessons.

Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association
Lake Forest, Illinois
Contact: Cindy Housner
847-283-0973
glasa.org

GLASA's programs assists in the prevention of conditions problematic to those youth and adults living with a disability including social isolation, fatigue, pain, and difficulty performing daily living activities. Regular participation also helps prevent serious health conditions that can include heart disease, stroke, diabetes and depression. Program participants see daily the benefits of GLASA's services including improved health and stamina, increased levels of independence and community participation, and reduction of social isolation and depression.

\$2,088

Revelation Golf, Inc.
Elk Grove, Illinois
Contact: Donna Strum
630-253-7703
revelationgolf.org

Revelation Golf — The program uses the game of golf as a tool to increase respect, accountability, physical endurance, range of motion, cognition, balance, self-esteem and self-worth. In our girls' programs we seek to build confidence in their abilities on and off the golf course. In addition, our at-risk youth learn to have a healthy view of competition, fair play and personal achievement in a substance free environment. Revelation Golf also uses the game of golf as a therapeutic tool. With our veterans, cancer survivors, and physically disabled individuals, we have found golf to be another way to help our participants reintegrate into the community as well as family and social settings. The children in this part of our program are provided with an environment that promotes laughter and fun while dealing with their current health situations. Revelation Golf uses modified and adaptive equipment to help clients have success in the game as well.

\$15,000

Via Quest Foundation
Dublin, Ohio
Contact: Derek Kinzer
614-526-2384
ViaQuestFoundation.org

Golf & Life Skills Program — Developmentally disabled citizens are often denied opportunities to engage in what would be considered "public recreational or social activities." Exposure to the game of golf not only enriches the lives of these special people, the game is well-suited to teach valuable lessons in life. Therefore, this Golf & Life Skills Program directly reflects our Mission and Vision. We fully expect the youth who enroll in and complete this program to not only learn about the game of golf, but to demonstrate improvement in at least three of the seven critical "life skills" as measured by the Thinking Errors Score sheet.

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The Ohio Junior Golf Association
Port Clinton, Ohio
Contact: Chuck Redmond
877-517-8833
thefirstteelakeerie.org

The First Tee of Lake Erie is in the second year of a partnership with The Ability Center of Greater Toledo to conduct a GAIN program. The goal of this collaborative venture is to ensure the inclusion of youth with disabilities in First Tee programs. All First Tee participants with disabilities will also have access to The Ability Center's Youth Services including leadership and independent living skill development programs. The Ability Center has committed its resources to building accessible communities. To reach that goal they have developed partnerships with businesses, government entities, individual's social services to ensure that people with disabilities are fully participating members of their communities.

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Bergenfield Public School District
Bergenfield, NJ

"Not Far from Par" Summer Program for Children with Autism — Bergenfield Public School District is seeking to expand a summer golf program for middle school and high school students

\$10,000

Contact: Dr. Michael Kuchar
201-385-8202
bergenfield.org

with autism. The "Not Far from Par" Golf Program will enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorders. In addition to filling the recreational needs of the participants, the program also provides unique opportunities for teens with autism to form closer bonds with peers, siblings and parents. The public relations materials promoting and celebrating the program will also be effective with introducing the community at large to the idea that children with autism can be successfully educated within our community. Volunteers and the hundreds of members of the local country club will help communicate the message that children with autism do not need to be sent away to learn.

Catholic Charities — Arch Diocese of NY New York, NY
Contact: Beatriz Diaz Taveras
646-794-2438
CatholicCharitiesNY.org

Ulster County CYO Hook a Kid on Golf —This program aims to provide noncompetitive opportunities for children with and without disabilities to experience the game of golf "from tee to green" by teaching them the fundamentals of the game in an inclusive environment from its rules and standards of etiquette to golf course maintenance.

\$14,500

The Lambs Farm, Inc. Libertyville, Illinois
Contact: Kimberly Reddell
602-953-2944
campcivitan.org

Lambs Farm Golf — The overall program focus is to enrich the lives of participants through opportunities for exercise and leisure. The golf program provides opportunities for participants to continue to learn and develop skills, while enjoying the experience of golfing. Our golfers share the course and the range with other golfers from the community. We also offer opportunities for unified golf in which individuals with developmental disabilities golf alongside staff and volunteers without disabilities.

\$2,690

Knox County Parks and Recreation Knoxville, Tennessee
Contact: Doug Bataille
865-215-6600
knoxcounty.org/parks

Knox County Accessible Golf — Our golf program currently has opportunities for all age levels of play, from The First Tee program to our senior tournaments and leagues. Because of the lack of programs for the disabled, and the geography of our community, it has been difficult for people with disabilities to play our courses. We are hoping to become the premier organization for accessible golf, and plan to make golf carts available to other organizations attempting to provide accessibility. The Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center is partnering with us and planning some new programming that will include the use of these carts at our facilities.

\$4,895

Civitan Foundation, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona
Kimberly Robinson
602-953-2944
campcivitan.org

Camp Civitan Golf — Civitan Foundation, Inc. operates on the belief that inclusion is enabling people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. The Camp Civitan Golf Course embodies this idea, enabling each individual that attends our camp program the opportunity to experience the joy of golf in an environment specifically adapted to accommodate each disability. Camp Civitan fosters a sense of belonging to the community as a respected and valued peer and our golf program would only serve to further enhance this aspect of our programming. The Camp Civitan Golf Course will also act as a tool to further enhance our relationship with the community in which Camp Civitan is located, the rural town of Williams, AZ.

\$11,250

Broward Autism Foundation Inc. Sunrise, Florida
Contact: Hugh J. Keough, Esq.

Golfing FORE Autism. Golfing for Middle and High School Aged Students with Autism — The goal is to teach children with autism the joy of the game of golf. A game that can be played for a lifetime by anyone, with anyone, regardless of ability. A game where you are able to socialize, make friends and enjoy the outdoors. Specifically, we want the children to learn the

\$5,000

954-547-4608
asabroward.org

fundamentals of golf, the golf swing, the rules of golf and golf etiquette so that they are able to grow into the game as they mature into adulthood. We want golf to be a part of their life to use as a recreational activity.

**Deepwood Foundation
Mentor, Ohio**
Contact: Rikke Coach
440-350-5208
deepwoodfoundation.org

Deepwood Recreational Unified Golf Program — This program strives to achieve the following goals within the Unified Golf Program: 1) To provide access for individuals with disabilities to participate in Golf opportunities that they would not typically be afforded. 2) To promote sportsmanship, skill and recreational golf opportunities. 3) To develop skill levels and provide adaptations so that any person with a developmental disability can participate in recreational golf opportunities. Skills include mechanics of golf swings, balance and swing, use of adaptive golf techniques, and use of adaptive golf equipment

\$5,000

**Best Buddies Kentucky
Louisville, Ky**
Contact: Shannon White
502-736-0838
bestbuddieskentucky.org

The goal of this program is to use the game of golf to provide a social inclusion opportunity for people with disabilities. The objectives are: to match people with and without disabilities in a one-to-one "golf buddy" relationship where the buddies are taught golf skills, play golf together, and enter a golf scramble tournament together; to provide an event which allows Best Buddies Kentucky to share our mission and vision with the public; to raise funds for our social inclusion programming in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; to strengthen our partnership with the University of Louisville; and to increase our participants' golf skills and their love of the game of golf.

\$9,100

**All Star Training Club
(ATC)
Akron, Ohio**
Contact: Dan Lancianese
330-645-6419
allstartrainingclub.org

In this program, all ATC athletes will improve their social and emotional development by their participation in ATC sports events such as the ATC golf league; and the academic/sports summer camp through acceptance of athletes' individualized ability. ATC volunteers, coaches and the community will be made aware of the unique abilities of our rising stars" and their inclusion to society as equal members. Through each of the ATC sports functions, athletes, coaches and volunteers will acquire an increase of knowledge and physical ability through drills and practice and friendly competition.

\$8500

**Access of Wilmington
Wilmington, NC**
Contact: Dan Johnson
910-313-1759
accesswilmington.org

This is a GAIN program (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks) The mission of ACCESS WILMINGTON is to provide inclusive recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities. In providing inclusive opportunities persons with disabilities can learn golf and choose to play with their family, friends, and neighbors

\$8,790

**Down Syndrome
Association-Central
Ohio
Columbus, Ohio**
Contact: Nancy
Whetstone
614-263-6020
dsaco.net

The Goals of this program include: Increase participation of people with Down syndrome in the game of golf. Statement: Golf is a physically and mentally challenging sport that can be played on many levels, each of great benefit. Golf can be a lifelong activity, and can lead to opportunities that enable players to more fully participate in and experience life. Provide life skills education in a fun, safe learning environment. Statement: Participants will benefit from instruction by The First Tee Columbus (TFTC). Utilizing the Nine Core Values curriculum of The First Tee Life Skills Experience™, instructors and mentors teach honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, and judgment. These values represent some of the many inherently positive values connected with the game of golf. Through this curriculum, participants learn valuable lessons about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude; how to make decisions by thinking about the possible consequences and how to define and set goals from the golf course to everyday life. Provide a

\$7,475

vehicle for meaningful inclusion activities to increase acceptance of people with Down syndrome.