

Spiders' Charity Golf Classic History

In the spring of 1977, a group of young men formed a softball team. They participated in local leagues, tournaments and traveled out of town to play in numerous softball tournaments and have a good time. Robert "Slim" Mount, owner of Spiders' Restaurant and Lounge befriended these young men and graciously provided them with financial support from 1977 to 1981. During this time a very special bond developed among these ball players. As the years passed, some of them went on to play with other teams, but within their hearts they all remained the Spiders' Softball Team.

From 1981 to 1993, many of the members of the original Spiders' softball team became dedicated March of Dimes volunteers. They planned, organized and worked ten annual softball tournaments and three annual golf tournaments, that raised over \$60,000 for the health of unborn babies.

In 1997, this same group of "young" men decided to celebrate a reunion of the softball team by hosting a golf outing. In the beginning, it was simply four old friends getting together for a good time and celebrate Rusty Ramage (coach, player and friend) 50th birthday. As they were planning Rusty's party, they learned that the son of a fellow ball player was stricken with Cystic Fibrosis and in need of financial assistance to defray huge medical expenses. Because this group was experienced in raising money to help others, the party quickly shifted to a fundraiser to help an old friend. Since 1997, the Spiders' Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$420,000 for local families.

In keeping with the tradition that exemplifies the special bond and friendship each player has for each other, there is only one trophy awarded at the tournament. This trophy was originally designed in honor of Steve McCullough one of the original Spiders' softball players killed in an automobile accident. Over the years we have added names of other friends and ball players we have lost; Slim Mount, Jack Iverson, Larry Gomilla, Gary Clay, Mike Jenner, Tim Pitalo, Russell Lanning, Joe Plummer and Mike Edwards.

As tradition goes, the names of the winning teams are proudly added to the trophy.

The annual Spiders' Charity Golf Classic provides funding and support to an annual recipient, Community Outreach Program, College Scholarship and the Gulf Coast Safety "Feed The Needy "

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Honored Recipients

*Deceased

2019	Cooper Clower	Duchenne multiple dystrophy---11 years old
2018	Lily McCabe	Medulloblastoma / brain tumor---8 years old
2017	Synclaire Shoemaker*	Hypo plastic left heart syndrome--5years old
	Gracie Seymour	Giant Cell Glioblastoma brain tumor ---8 years old
	Richard Flemming	Leukemia
	Regina Winters	Cancer---throat
2016	Donny Faerber*	Leukemia---14 years old
	Kylee Garrison	Cystic Fibrosis---18 years old
2015	Nicole Gilbert*	Cancer---brain
2014	Brianna Medina	Auto accident- broken spine- 19 years old
2013	Michelle Gibbs	Multiple Sclerosis
2012	Tiffany Murray	Cancer---breast
2011	Jeff Haskin*	Cancer---brain/lung
	Bobby Jones*	Cancer---sinus cavity
2010	Brantley Grimes	Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
2009	Madison Saucier*	Ohtahara Syndrome- 2 years old
2008	Michael Jenner*	Alzheimer's Disease
2007	Tim Musial*	Cancer---liver
2006	Delores Boudreaux*	Home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina
2005	Chase Poirrier	Head Injury- 13 years old - four wheeler accident
2004	Tammy Mayfield*	Cancer
	Steve Ladner	Cancer -17 years old
2003	Kayla Dyson	Auto accident-10 years old Quadriplegic
2002	Genice Dill*	Cancer
2001	Mark Rickman*	Batten Disease- 6 years old
	James Rickman*	Batten Disease- 4 years old
2001	Patrica Nold	Lupus
2000	Mark Landry*	Cancer
1999	Tim Griffin*	Cancer
1998	Darryl Hunter*	Stroke
1997	Kai Thrash*	Cystic Fibrosis- 19 years old

Community Outreach Program

Through the gracious support from our t-sign and banner sponsors, the Spiders golf committee decided to set aside a portion of the proceeds generated from each tournament to provide financial assistance to individuals and families throughout the year. By establishing the “Community Outreach Program”, the Spiders’ Golf Committee has demonstrated how important it is to reach out to help individuals and families who need financial assistance to make their quality of life a little better. As you can see on the following list, the Spiders’ Charity Golf Classic over the years had provided contributions and donations to individuals and families within the local communities.

2001	American Cancer Society K99 Bike or Bust Harrison County Sheriff Dept. Triad Broadcasting Stacy Baer Tommy Krass Mildred Deal Sarah Riley Courtney Boynton Antione Gaines	Donation (Mark Landry) Christmas for Kids Feed the Needy-Christmas/Thanksgiving Christmas for kids Cancer Motorcycle accident Purchased wheelchair Liver transplant-2 years old Leukemia-15 years old Reactive Airway Disease-19 months old
2002	Kayla Dyson Sandra Reed K99 Bikes or Bust Sam Crawford Christopher McKeown Errial Jones Harrison County Sheriff Dept.	Auto accident-Quadriplegic-10 years old Cancer Christmas for kids Kidney Disease Aterial Septic Defect- 2 years old Sickel Cell Anemia- 12 years old Feed the Needy-Thanksgiving /Christmas
2003	Dilores Cavanaugh Landon Lovitt Yolanda Strickland John Buckley Hope Haven Kyle Hingle James Baker Kayla Mosley Harrison County Sheriff Dept Brandon Cruz Alejandro Ford Charles Bobo	Cancer Pulmonary Hypertension- 3 months old Cancer Leukemia- 11 months old Home for abused children Drowning- 4 years old Drowning - 8 years old House destroyed by fire feed the Needy—Thanksgiving /Christmas Surgery-unemployed Kidney transplant- 8 years old Leukemia

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2003	George Percy Connie Bennett Susanna Ainsworth Timothy Marshall Anthony Marshall Rene Marshall Harrison County Sheriff Dept. Toys for Tots K99 Bikes or Bust Marinna Ladner	Cancer Murder victim Hodgkins Disease Christmas gifts- 9 years old -father deceased Christmas gifts-7 years old -father deceased Christmas gifts-11 years old- father deceased Feed the Needy-Thanksgiving and Christmas Christmas donation Christmas for kids Auto drowning-19 years old
2004	Mark Mix Arie Downing Lorena Floyd Gulf Coast Helping Hands Louis Beasancan Hope Haven Bambi and Glenn Battise Gustavo Clavijo Rose Bui Fred Perryman Tabari Davis Charles Davis Terry Hode Toys for Tots Bikes or Bust Harrison County Sheriff Dept.	Disabled Iraq Veteran House destroyed by fire Cancer House destroyed by fire Cerebral Palsy Home for abused children House destroyed by fire Cancer -16 years old Lymphoma-21 years old Spinal Injury- 21 years old Liver Disease Hydrocephalic-2 years old Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Christmas donation Christmas bikes for kids Feed the Needy--Thanksgiving and Christmas
2005	Hurricane Katrina Harrison County Sheriff Dept.	No recipients identified Feed the Needy Thanksgiving / Christmas
2006	Quantella Lee Micheal Sprinkell Imani Lombard Harrison County Sheriff Dept	House destroyed by fire Memorial Scholarship Fund Student Ambassador --Europe Feed the Needy--Thanksgiving and Christmas
2007	Sharon Boyd John Cox Bikes or Bust Toys for Tots Brothers Robotics Harrison County Sheriff Dept Tanae Ladner Stacie Doyal	Cancer Cancer Christmas for Kids Christmas for Kids Central Middle school robotics team Feed the Needy --Thanksgiving and Christmas Cancer-brain tumor (13 years old) Auto accident

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2008	<p>Diane Ryan Hunter Newman Arron Billiot Kiena Tanner Patricia Butler Stacy Doyal Harrison County Sheriff Dept. Donna Harmon Tracy Cruz Rick Keagosien Dorothy Wright Elizabeth Doyle Madison Saucier</p>	<p>Cancer Eye surgery (12 years old) Burn Victim (16 years old) Encephalitis (14 years old) House repair Christmas for children Feed the Needy--Thanksgiving and Christmas Car payment Financial debt Cancer Cancer Cancer Ohtahara Syndrome (16 months)</p>
2009	<p>Tosha Stanley Junior Achievement Angela Davis Tracey McCullough Harrison County Sheriff Dept. Brandon McLaughlin Gretchen Bell John Anderson Peter Ratala Jervis Peterson Madison Saucier Pete Natalie</p>	<p>Medical bills for adoptive children Clothes for children House destroyed by fire Water bill paid Feed the Needy --Thanksgiving and Christmas Autism (10 years old) House destroyed by fire Cancer Christmas clothes for family Cancer Ohtahara Syndrome (2 years old) House destroyed by fire</p>
2010	<p>Adam Feeney Andrea Saucier Trey Holder Brandy Sullivan Mission Heart INC. Women resources for children Children with Challenges dance Harrison County Sheriff Dept K-99 Bikes or Bust</p>	<p>House destroyed by fire Ohtabhara Syndrome (3 years old) Cancer (14 years old) Cancer Abused mothers home Clothes Disabled children Feed the Needy—Thanksgiving and Christmas Christmas bikes for kids</p>
2011	<p>Peyton Bennett Josh Hillman Dominic Hillman Tiffany Murray Orange Grove Rotary Gulfport Police (PAL) Mission Heart Kelly Hurlbert</p>	<p>Burn (3 years old) Cystic Fibrosis (16 years old) Cystic Fibrosis (21 years old) Breast cancer Christmas for Kids Summer camp program for kids Abused mother home Homeless</p>

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2012	Micheal Rasmussen Amiee Haskins Girl Scouts Harrison County Sheriff Dept	Cancer----colon Scholarship Bikes for Christmas Feed the Needy—Thanksgiving / Christmas
2013	Mariah Lambes Sean Lavery Eriect Lavert Harrison County Sheriff Dept.	Breast Cancer (21 years old) Muscular Dystrophy (13 years old) Muscular Dystrophy (17 years old) Feed the Needy—Thanksgiving / Christmas
2014	Harrison County Sheriff Dept. Tyrire Hudson Gulfport Fire Dept. Kayla Carrol Ray Crouthers Collette Towles Kenny Alston GHS Golf team	Feed the Needy—Thanksgiving / Christmas Medical bills Honor Guard “GHS” dedication ceremony Scholarship Cancer Back pack program-elementary school Cancer Donation
2015	Brielle Wangerin Traci Easterling Nikki Farve Collette Towles Greater Love Campaign Lee Anne Rasmussen Lynn Shoate Gulf Coast Safety	Liver surgery (2 months old) Clothes for school children House fire Back pack for kids Son of Saint for fatherless children Diabetes / surgery Cancer Feed the Needy Thanksgiving / Christmas
2016	Jace Mathews Mended Little Hearts Gulf Coast Safety Richard Flemming Chipping for Charity Tracey Boss Yaun St Peter by the Sea church	Cancer (6 months old) Kids with open heart surgery Feed the Needy Thanksgiving / Christmas Cancer Cancer Louisiana flood victim Louisiana flood victims
2017	Robert Piechocki Engineers without Borders Ashleigh Kannalath Tammy Godwin Joseph’s Home	Emergency diverticulitis Construct bridge in Panama Cancer Heart attack/kidney failure Drug / alcohol rehab facility
2018	Shellie Elys Tracie Ryan Pre-Owe Anderson Biloxi Fire Department	Breast Cancer Gastroparesis / Narcolepsy Funeral/ travel expenses Fund raiser for first responders

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2019 Bobby Peden
Gary Lacy
Belinda Carlisle
Cooper Clower

Prostate cancer
Intestinal cancer
Small cell lung cancer
Wheelchair---11 yr old

College Scholarship Program

In 2004, the Spiders' Golf Committee expanded the outreach program by establishing a college scholarship program. This partnership with the Gulfport High School Technology Center will provide an annual \$500 scholarship to high school seniors who are pursuing a career in engineering, computer science or technology. Eligible students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be an active member of the GHS Robotics team for three years.

2018	Andrew Ingram	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2017	Anthony Piasek Jake Cloud	Mississippi State University Mississippi State University	Engineering Engineering
2016	Alexander Hopkins	University of Mississippi	Engineering
2015	Landon Hough	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2014	Kayla Carrol	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2013	Kitty Nash Alex Robinson	Mississippi State University Mississippi State University	Engineering Engineering
2012	Emily Gorman	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2011	Conner Schultz	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2010	Marshall Van Loon	Auburn University	Engineering
2009	Robert Smith	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2008	Dustin Dauner	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2007	Jaron Martin	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2006	Preston Cauley	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2005	Austin McQueen	Mississippi State University	Engineering
2004	Adam Barnett	Michigan State University	Engineering

Gulf Coast Safety Organization

“Feed the Needy”

In 2011, the Spiders’ Golf Committee expanded the community outreach program by establishing a financial partnership with the Harrison County Sheriff Department to provide funding for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The Feed the Needy program was established in 1989 to provide meals for those in need of meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Feed the Needy prepares and delivers over 2,400 Thanksgiving meals and 2,200 Christmas meals annually. Over the past 22 years this organization has relied on community donations to fund this program. Unfortunately most of this funding has faltered and key members of the Feed the Needy program approached the Spiders golf committee for financial assistance to continue providing meals to so many individuals. The Spiders’ golf committee graciously accepted their request. In 2015, the Harrison County Sheriff Department joined forces with local police and fire departments forming the newly established Gulf Coast Safety Organization “Feed The Needy Program”

Most important are the 300-400 volunteers that prepare and deliver these meals on these two holidays. Along with the many volunteers, other organizations including the Gulfport Police Department, Harrison County Sheriff Department, Biloxi Police Department, D’Iberville Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, Gulfport Fire Department, Biloxi Fire Department and Long Beach Fire Department provides support to ensure meals are delivered as scheduled.