

Dear First Tee of Canton Supporters,

I hope this email finds you well. While the COVID-19 virus has brought a degree of uncertainty to all of our lives, First Tee of Canton is striving to be a steady source of education and motivation for our kids by communicating through social media and emails with our families and volunteers.

First Tee of Canton is diligently working to prepare for the day that we can resume our normal operations by preparing the facilities to be safe and healthy. In the meantime, our staff is working hard to create contingency plans for extended cancellations and changes to programming and events.

To protect YOU our supporters, participants and staff, our Board of Directors decided to cancel our annual Charity Golf Classic fundraiser originally scheduled for May 17. We would love to return to “normal” at the end of April, but the reality is, that is unlikely to happen. We are also unsure what “social distancing” measures will still be in place that may impact the experience and safety of all of those involved.

The golf outing will not be rescheduled this year and again this decision was made with a lot of thoughtful consideration. The concern with rescheduling includes finding a suitable date for all of those involved and adding to the many events that are likely to be rescheduled once the Stay at Home Order is lifted.

Thank you to those businesses and individuals that already committed to supporting our largest fundraising event of the year. A number of those sponsors have already confirmed that First Tee of Canton can retain their sponsorships and participation fees as a donation. Thank you so much for that support. Not having our biggest fundraiser of the year will impact the amount of operational funding support that we can allocate to general operational needs, including facility maintenance, staffing support, and program materials. In addition, we anticipate an increase in scholarship and financial aid for our families this year.

We are asking that you continue to financially support First Tee of Canton as you have in the past and to help us overcome the loss of fundraising dollars from the golf outing. Your donations are more important than ever, as we return to normal activity, getting kids back on the course, working with volunteer coaches and engaging the Core Values and Healthy Habits. Young people will need this return to activity in light of the stress caused by being kept from school, friends, and other parts of daily life. Your ongoing support will help make that happen for them.

Thank you for your continued support through this pandemic. Stay strong and continue to be safe.

Sincerely,

Angela Palomba
Executive Director