## **2015 Annual Report**



All programs utilize the Multi-Session Curriculum of The First Tee, including the Life Skills Experience based on The First Tee Nine Core Values and The Nine Healthy Habits. For younger students, introductory golf skills were learned using SNAG (Starting New at Golf) equipment with a progression to traditional clubs and balls with supervised play at green grass facilities and golf courses.

-Lake Worth West Community Center

-Belle Glade Christ Fellowship

-Summer Camps

-All Year Dyer Park Saturday Programs

-Okeeheelee G.C.

-The Golf Club of Jupiter

-Suncoast High School

-Dyer Park Monday Class

-West Palm Beach Golf Course

-Palm Beach Gardens Golf Course

-Pahokee New Hope Charities

-St. Clare Elementary School

-Jay Ministries

-Place of Hope Christ Fellowship

-Urban Youth Impact

15 students, twice weekly, 30 weeks per year

30 students, once weekly, 20 weeks

150 students, 8 weekly sessions in summer at 3 sites

250 students, nine week sessions of 90 minute activities

50 new students introduced to the curriculum

100 students, three times a week, 35 weeks

60 students, once weekly, 32 weeks

10 students, once weekly, 25 weeks

10 students, once weekly, 30 weeks

10 students, once weekly, 9 weeks

75 students summer camp

8 students, once weekly, 10 weeks

20 students, once weekly, 20 weeks

10 students, once weekly, 10 weeks

8 students, once weekly, 20 weeks

## **GOLF AS A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES**



Participants look forward to the caring and respectful camaraderie with our staff and volunteers. For many of our students with disabilities, this type of activity helps with their social skills development, such as: taking turns, following directions, working together and, accepting change in their normal routine. Our programs help develop communication skills (vocabulary development, application of learned

vocabulary, listening to and following multiple step directions).

-The Renaissance Learning Center

-Seagull Industries for Disabled Adults

-Palm Beach Lakes High School

-Paragolfer Tuesday/Saturday

-Renaissance Vocation

-Christa McAuliffe Middle School

-Connection Education

-Els Center of Excellence

170 students, once weekly, 35 weeks

12 students, once weekly, 40 weeks

35 students, once weekly, 35 weeks

4 students, twice weekly, 40 weeks

4 students, once weekly, 30 weeks

6 students, once weekly, 35 weeks

15 students, once weekly, 30 weeks

12 students, once weekly, 5 weeks

**VETERANS** Visiting the local VA Hospital as part of a Sight Rehabilitation and Therapy program attend a weekly instructional and recreational session with our PGA Professionals, which includes practice and play on our course.

-VA Vision Unit

-Veterans Outreach

-VA Mental Health

-PGA Hope

8 adults once weekly, 40 weeks

8 adults, three times weekly, 45 weeks

10 adults, once monthly, 12 months

30 adults, once weekly, 16 weeks



**SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL NEED CLASS AT DYER PARK**Supervised PGA and LPGA instruction offered at no charge to families in the community with a child with special needs. The practice facility and golf course are open to those that would otherwise be unable to play and practice at a traditional golf course. Over 100 children attend throughout the year and some children attend every week of the year.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM Our Staff and Coaches support 54 elementary school P.E. teachers to introduce the game of golf, The First Tee Nine Core Values™, and Nine Healthy Habits™ to 25,500 students during physical education classes. This program creates an environment where young people experience the lifelong sport of golf while learning basic golf motor skills and the inherent values of the game including health-enhancing habits. Physical educators receive professional development training and are provided developmentally appropriate

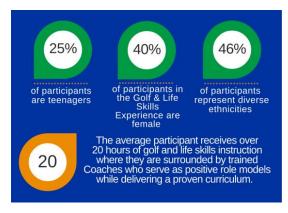


curriculum and golf equipment for effective implementation into their programs. The National School Program is currently introduced to more than 700 schools in Florida and over 6,000 elementary schools in the 50 United States.

**PARTICIPANTS OPPORTUNITIES** The First Tee offers a variety of unique opportunities to participants that further their golf and life skills experience. These opportunities often become life changing experiences for our youth participants as they further develop an awareness of possibilities that surround them. In 2015, we sent participants from our chapter to the following:

- Junior Course Reporters at The Honda Classic, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- IJGA Training Program, Hilton Head Island, SC
- The First Tee Par 3 Championship, Richmond, VA
- Perfect Sense Digital Pro-Am Challenge, Washington DC









Veterans enrolled in our Military Outreach programs
Participants with special needs attending regular programs
Participants in The First Tee Life Skills Program

**Trained Coaches** 

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