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EDUCATION FOUNDATION HOSTS BILL MALONE FORE OUR SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT Tournament at PGA National Resort raises more than \$400,000 for Palm Beach County public schools

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL) – Palm Beach County's education champions teed off at the 2025 Bill Malone FORE Our Schools Golf Tournament, honoring the legacy of former superintendent Bill Malone. Hosted by the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County, the tournament recently took place at the renowned PGA National Resort, with all proceeds supporting programs, classroom grants, and essential school supplies for Title I schools across the district.

With incredible community support, this year's tournament soared past fundraising goals, bringing in more than \$400,000 for public education initiatives within the School District of Palm Beach County. The event's success was made possible thanks to presenting sponsor, the Moss Foundation, along with 67 corporate sponsors, 35 foursome sponsors, 45 volunteers, 10 beverage sponsors and 21 tee sign sponsors. An exciting raffle, featuring prizes donated by generous local businesses, also helped drive the day's fundraising momentum.

"As a person who grew up in Palm Beach County and a product of the Palm Beach public education system, it is an incredible honor to serve as Chair for this year's Bill Malone FORE Our Schools Golf Tournament," said Jacob Katz, Senior Vice President, Pirtle Construction and chairman of the tournament. "It's my pleasure to help organize the community in support of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. I'm proud to be part of an event that is making a real difference for the future of Palm Beach County."

On the Champion Course, the Northern Duct team including Robert Makowiec, Frank Konjarevich, Craig Westfal and Bryan Lueck took home first place honors. Over on the Palmer Course, the Gilbane team with Sean Denyse, David Dolan, Raj Krishnasamy and Rafael Ochoa Vasquez earned the top spot, and "B"-ing the Best including Ricky Wade, Walter Blum, Justin Helms and Donnie Wright secured first place on the Fazio Course.

"Events like the Bill Malone FORE Our Schools Golf Tournament highlight the power of community partnerships," said Joseph Sanches, Chief Operating Officer, School District of Palm Beach County. "It's inspiring to see local businesses and supporters rally around our students, educators, and public schools to build a stronger future for Palm Beach County."

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County was founded in 1984 and serves as a nexus between the county's public schools and the community. The Foundation awards grants, supports innovative programs and scholarships, and provides necessary school supplies and resources through Red Apple Supplies, the Foundation's signature program. The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County operates more than 100 programs that close achievement gaps in learning, prepare students for post-secondary

success, and create positive, measurable change for more than 100,000 students. The Foundation recently opened its new home, the Center for Public School Excellence and Innovation, at 1515 Barton Road in Lake Worth Beach.

For more information on the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County or to make a donation, please visit <u>educationfoundationpbc.org</u> or call 561-738-2931.

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