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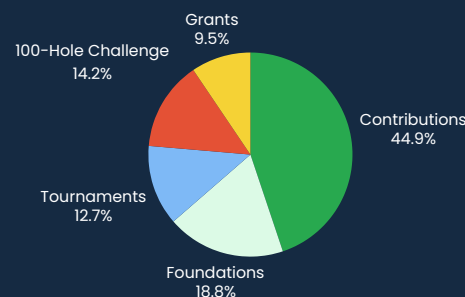
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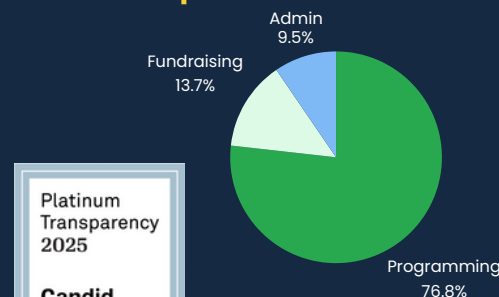
Devin Shaw  
*Program Coordinator*

## Financial Report

**Revenue: \$1,269,085**



**Expenses: \$1,186,146**



\*unaudited financials/cash method



**Michael B. Finnegan Learning Center**

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## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



## Life Skills Experience

First Tee offers an age-based life skill and golf instruction curriculum.

• Allamanda Elementary	11
• Beth El Early Learning Center	32
• Boca Raton Golf & Racquet Club	197
• Boys & Girls Clubs	285
• Carver Middle School	31
• Clewiston Golf Course	52
• Dyer Park Programs	139
• EDNA Runner Tutorial Center	50
• Franklin Academy	18
• Golf Club of Jupiter	270
• Haitian Bible Baptist Church of NPB	15
• John Prince Learning Center	72
• Keiser University Coaching Center	55
• Milagro Center - Junior	25
• Milagro Center - Teen	18
• Palm Beach Par 3	8
• PBSO PAL	44
• Red Reef Executive Course	2
• Royal Palm Beach Commons Golf	244
• Sigma Beta Leadership Club	8
• St. Marks Episcopal	13
• Suncoast High School	89
• Village Golf Club	19
• YMCA	200
• Youth Empowerment - Riviera Beach	5
• Youth Empowerment - West Palm Beach	34

**2,024 Students** participated in our  
First Tee Golf and Life Skills Programs



### Barbara A. Douglas & Dr. William J. Powell Diversity Award

We were honored to receive the Barbara A. Douglas & Dr. William J. Powell Diversity Award at the First Tee Network Summit in Phoenix. With 61% of our participants ethnically diverse and 40% female, we will serve over 2,700 youth in 2025 through partnerships with other national and local youth serving organizations. We thank Golf Digest and First Tee HQ for recognizing our commitment to serving thousands of children and teens in Palm Beach County.

## Chapter Scorecard

**2,024** First Tee  
Students

**684**  
Special Needs  
Students

**395**  
Veteran  
Participants

**26%**  
Teen  
Students

**40%**  
Female  
Students

**61%**  
Ethnically  
Diverse

### 2024 Coach of the Year

Zach Newell



Zach Newell and his brothers run Newell Golf at Boca Raton Golf and Racquet Club. Since joining First Tee in March 2023, Zach has built one of Palm Beach County's largest programs, now serving over 200 students. He conducts junior tournaments, veterans' programs, and with Mark Susskind, launched a Special Needs program for people affected by Parkinson's disease.

### 2024 Students of the Year

Annika Collado

Mark Wells

Devin Shaw

*Veteran of the Year*



## Community Outreach

We partner with youth organizations that support underserved communities to introduce golf, using fun games and activities that are appropriate to the ages and abilities of the kids and teens involved.

### PROGRAM PARTNERS

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Edna Runner
- LPGA – USGA Girls Golf
- Milagro Center
- Police Athletic Leagues
- Sigma Beta Leadership Club
- Suncoast High School
- YMCA
- Youth Empowerment WPB



## FORE Freedom

Our chapter has worked with local veterans for over 20 years. Many of our veterans suffer from PTSD and enjoy outdoor recreation and socializing with their peers. Our veterans compete in local Veterans' Golf Association Tournaments.

- Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course
- Birdies and Hooks
- Boca Raton Golf & Racquet Club
- Drive Shack
- Dyer Park
- John Price Park Learning Center
- PGA HOPE
- VA Vision Unit and Hospital
- Westchester Country Club



### FORE Freedom Sponsors:



## Student Events

First Tee Headquarters and our Chapter offer a variety of unique opportunities to our students that further their golf and life skills education. These opportunities are life-changing experiences for our teen participants. Students from our Chapter have participated in:

- PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach
- First Tee National Championship
- Evans Caddie Scholarship
- Sage Valley Junior Invitational
- First Tee Game Changers Academy
- PGA Tour Superstore Leadership Academy – Atlanta
- PGA Tour Superstore Leadership Summit – Montana
- James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Ams
- Monday Pro-Am and Monday after Tournament at The Cognizant Classic
- Women's Leadership Forum at The Cognizant Classic
- 100 Friends at The Bear's Club

## Founding Partners



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## Legacy Partners

Gifts of \$100,000 or more

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## Game Changer Sponsors

Gifts of \$10,000 or more



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Gifts of \$5,000 or more



## School Programs



- Allamanda Elementary
- Baldwin Prep Academy
- Franklin Academy
- Frontier Academy
- Grove Park Elementary
- Renaissance Charter
- St. Marks Episcopal Elementary

## Special Needs



Special  
Olympics  
Florida

The game of golf for many students with special needs is an activity that helps develop their social skills, such as: taking turns, following directions, working together, and accepting change in their normal routine. Our programs help develop communication skills (application of learned vocabulary, listening to and following multiple step directions, and more).

- ARC of Palm Beach County
- Boca School for Autism
- C.H.A.M.P
- Connection Education
- Els Center of Excellence
- Gold Coast Down Syndrome
- SAIL
- Special Olympics – Dyer Park
- Special Olympics – John Prince Learning Center

## Participant Spotlight

### VALENTINA MARIE GUERTIN

Valentina Marie Guertin has been a dedicated First Tee participant since 2019, training with Coach Chip Inks, PGA. She finished third at the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach with PGA Tour pro KJ Choi—our Chapter's best finish! She was named the 2023 SFPGA Player of the Year (13-18 division). Valentina also led FAU High School girls' golf team to a State title with her sister Angelina. She also placed 13th at the First Tee National Championship. Committed to the University of Oklahoma for college golf, Valentina's talent and perseverance continue to inspire.

