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Golf Tournament Raises Funds for RCC's Student Emergency Assistance Fund

On a blustery Friday morning golfers took to the links at historic Kingsmill Plantation Golf Course in Williamsburg to raise funds for Rappahannock Community College's Educational Foundation Inc.'s (RCC EFI) Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

Twenty-eight teams totaling 112 players, numerous sponsors, volunteers, and supporters helped raise more than \$23,000 and netting \$18,000 for RCC EFI. The funds raised will allow the Foundation to fully endow the Ruth Greene Student Success Fund in perpetuity. The Fund helps students who otherwise might have to decide between gas for their car to get to class or the ability to purchase a textbook.

Ruth Greene, a long time and much-loved RCC professor set up the fund upon the death of her mother in 2019. She asked for donations in her mother's memory to be given to the fund to help RCC students with basic needs and emergency assistance. Ruth unexpectedly passed away in 2020 and family and friends showed their love for Ruth by donating to the fund. "Ruth saw first-hand the impact of emergency assistance to help a student attend and excel in their classes," said Sarah Pope, Executive Director of RCC's Educational Foundation Inc.

The tournament was organized by Gloucester High School and RCC dual-enrolled senior Andrew White who wanted to give back to RCC. White coordinated all aspects of the tournament from securing the location to soliciting sponsors, collecting donations for gift bags and prizes to registering teams and players. White and RCC thank all those who made the tournament such a success.

Sponsors include 757 Endodontics, Atlantic Dental Care, Bass Roofing LLC, Bay Lawn Care, Baystars F.C., Bizsurance, Bridging Communities, Callao Moose Lodge, Camp Piankatank, Chesapeake Marine Training Institute, Colonial Kitchens, Cornerstone Custom Builders Inc., Duke's Deli, Gibson Singleton, Gloucester Chick-fil-A, Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Gloucester Toyota, Gloucester Walmart, Great Clips, Gunn's Body Shop, Hayes Auto Sales, Dr. Haggerty, Hodges and Bryant, Mr. Ronald Hogge and family, Dr. Joel Knight, Gwen and Van McComas, Miller's Services, Phillips Energy Inc., Mrs. Sarah Pope and family, Pruitt Automotive, Short Lane Ice Cream Company, Mrs. Mary Stairs, The Neighborhood Trap Stars, The Skin Clinic, Townsend Tree & Tractor Works Inc., Lisa Tuckey Realtor, and Ware Academy.

“We are grateful to Andrew for spearheading this effort and admire his philanthropic spirit,” added Pope.

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Since 1970, Rappahannock Community College has been breaking down barriers to education in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Five degrees, 6 certificates, and 26 career and workforce studies programs are offered through RCC, in addition to nearly 40 guaranteed admissions agreements with colleges and universities across the state and region. For more information, visit rappahannock.edu.