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Jacobsen, Furyk headline TIF's Charity Classic Pro-Am Nov. 11

NAPLES – The Immokalee Foundation will welcome Peter Jacobsen and Jim Furyk – two of the biggest names in golf – as headliners for its annual Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament Monday, Nov. 11 at The Old Collier Golf Club in Naples.

A focus of this year's event is the foundation's recently launched career model, "Career Pathways: Empowering Students to Succeed." Based on extensive research of in-demand professions in Southwest Florida, the comprehensive new curriculum helps students – beginning in middle school – to follow educational and experiential pathways to their chosen careers. The pathways include Engineering and Construction Management, Business Management, Education and Human Services, and Health Care. The model recognizes that many well-paying jobs are available to students who earn industry-recognized certifications and credentials, in addition to professions that require two- and four-year college degrees.

A broadcaster for NBC Sports, Jacobsen is a 43-year member on the PGA TOUR and a 15-year member on the PGA TOUR Champions. He has achieved two PGA TOUR Champions major championship victories and many milestone wins on the PGA TOUR. A native of Portland, Oregon,

Jacobsen now resides in Bonita Springs.

Furyk has amassed 17 PGA TOUR victories, including the 2003 U.S. Open championship and was the 2018 Ryder Cup captain. A native of West Chester, Pennsylvania, Furyk now lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Jacobsen and Furyk will be joined by professional golfers teeing off at this year's Pro-Am, including Michael Bradley, Mike Cowan, Laura Diaz, Lindy Duncan, Austin Ernst, Cody Gribble, Dudley Hart, Dani Holmquist, Gary Koch, Maude-Aimee LeBlanc, Will Lowery, Mark Lye, George McNeill, Marisa Messana, Chris O'Connell, Brooke Pancake, Paula Reto, Charlie Rymmer, Ted Scott, Lauren Stephenson, Emma Talley, Anne-Catherine Tanguay, Tyrone Van Aswegen and Cameron Young.

Sunny Sapiente, Pro-Am event chair, is an active member at Bay Colony Golf Club and a 20-year resident of Naples. Sapiente's event committee includes Don Fites, Kristin Miller, Steve Pryor, Joe Sanda and John Tobe.

An exclusive pairings party takes place Sunday, Nov. 10, at Bay Colony Golf Club, with the professional golfers and amateurs learning who their partners will be the following day beginning with registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and the shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The Presenting Sponsor Kelly Tractor, is proud to support the foundation's educational programs that help the youth of Immokalee gain financial independence. Additional sponsors include BCB Homes, Success Circle Sponsor; BMO Wealth Management, Collier Enterprises, entech, IBERIABANK and Synovus, Pathways Circle Sponsors; and Florida Weekly, Gulfshore Life/D'Latinos magazines and Naples Daily News, Media Sponsors.

Tickets to the Charity Classic Celebration begin at \$550 per person, and entry into the Pro-Am is \$5,000 per golfer. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, call 239-430-9122 or visit <https://immokaleefoundation.org/events/>.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about TIF, call 239-430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

IMS student arrested for threatening

Collier County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested an Immokalee Middle School (IMS) student Wednesday, October 16 after an investigation determined that he sent a message over social media that threatened an act of violence with a gun.

The 12-year-old student is charged with written threats to kill or do bodily injury, which is a felony.

It is important to report suspicious or unusual activity to law enforcement. Anyone wishing to report suspicious activity can call the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 239-252-9300, or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-8477.



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Miquel Guzman was a big hit with kids in his hand-created Bumble Bee Transformer costume.

Shelter holds Children's Peace Fair

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's Immokalee Outreach Office held its annual Children's Peace Fair from 3-6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21, at the Collier County Immokalee Sports Complex. The event raises awareness during October's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Festivities included children's games, food, entertainment, and information booths hosted by partner agencies. First Baptist Church provided a games and food and Animals of Kowiaschobee Preserve brought a variety of animals for attendees to view and pet.

This year's event also included a Peace March as a call to end domestic violence.

"This has always been a very special event for The Shelter," says Shelter CEO Linda Oberhaus, "As construction continues on The Shelly Stayer Shelter in Immokalee, it is even more important than ever to raise awareness in this community."

For more information on The Shelter, go to naplesshelter.org. For more information on the Immokalee Outreach Office, call 239-657-5700. See more photos from this event on page 8.



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Children's Peace Fair 2019

Above: Shelter Community Education Director Vail Fisher leads a bowling game on the field during the Annual Children's Peace Fair, Monday, Oct. 21, at the Immokalee Sports Complex.

Top Right Tamara Somerville, Residential Supervisor for The Shelter, helps Peace Fair participant's sign the Hands are for Helping Pledge during the Annual Children's Peace Fair, Monday, Oct. 21, at the Immokalee Sports Complex. Bottom right: Animals of Kowiaschobee Preserve brought a variety of animals to the Children's Peace Fair including this little skunk, which was a big hit with kids.

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