



WESLEY HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER SWINGS INTO ACTION WITH 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Knoxville, Tennessee (April 20, 2009) – Wesley House Community Center’s (“Wesley House”) 5th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, raising over \$8,500 to support the programs of Wesley House.

Seventeen four-person teams participated in the tournament, which was held at the challenging 18-hole Wee Course At Williams Creek in East Knoxville. The major tournament sponsor was Covenant Health Federal Credit Union, and lunch generously was provided by Backyard Burgers. Numerous other companies, community organizations, and individuals supported the tournament with hole sponsorships.

The format was best ball, and players were able to “purchase” mulligans and tosses for chances to better their scores. Kelly Liford, Joshua Liford, Randy Wiles, and Nathanael Wiles made up the first-place winning team with an impressive score of 38. Second place was awarded to Jim Cole, Paul Krier, Bob Warshal, and Rick Whittaker, and David Collins, Bill Penland, John Welsch, and Chad Young took third-place honors. Winners were given certificates to Dale’s Winning Edge golf shop.

Richard Gibson, Executive Director of Wesley House, was exceptionally pleased with the participation, the total money raised, and the weather! “Our golf tournament gets better and better every year. We had more participants and raised more money than last year, which is especially remarkable in this challenging economic environment. We are most appreciative of our generous sponsors, especially Covenant Health Federal Credit Union, which make it possible to keep our tournament costs low and allocate over 95% of the proceeds directly back into our programs.”

The Wesley House has three annual fundraisers – the golf tournament, its TableScapes Table Decorating and Luncheon (to be held on May 9, 2009 at the Fellowship Center of Cokesbury

United Methodist Church), and its Friends and Donors Breakfast (to be held on August 21, 2009 at Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church).

About Wesley House and Wee Course

Wesley House is the second oldest charity in Knoxville. Founded in 1907 by the Methodist Women, the center operated a childcare center for mothers who worked at Brookside Mills. In the 1940s, Wesley House became a National Mission of the United Methodist Church to minister to families in impoverished areas. Today, Wesley House conducts tutoring sessions, operates a learning center, provides a summer enrichment program, and offers a series of performing arts and cultural activities for at-risk youth in grades 1-8. Wesley House also offers an ongoing educational and social program for senior citizens, focusing on both physical and mental well-being. Wesley House primarily serves the Mechanicsville, Lonsdale, and Beaumont neighborhoods.

The Wee Course at Williams Creek is located in East Knoxville and features 2,700 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 54. Designed by Bill Oliphant, the Wee Course opened in 2003. Ira Yarbrough manages the course as the General Manager.

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