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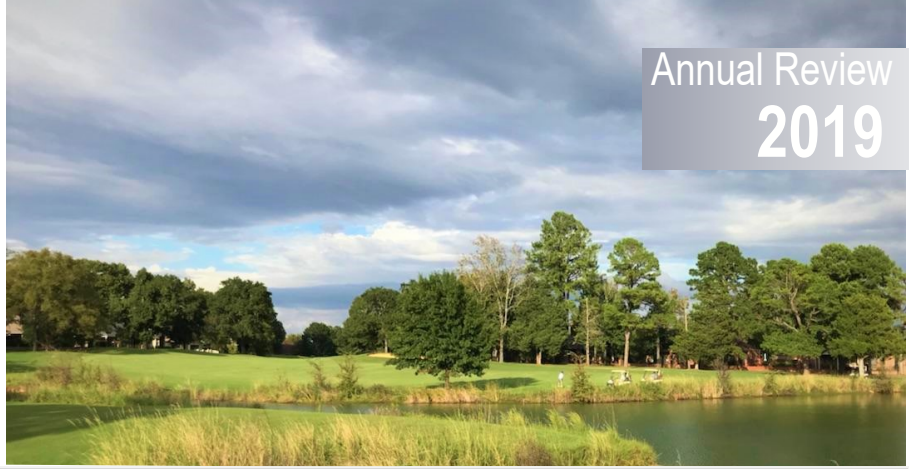
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## The First Tee Experience

*Participant who inspires*

*Lee Winn is an incredible 13 year old young man who began his First Tee journey in the fall of 2018.*

Winn was born in Shanxi China and was raised in an orphanage for the first three years of his life. During this time, Lee was diagnosed with a muscular disorder, amyoplasia, where the muscles in his arms and legs



did not form correctly. Lee was adopted at three years old by his parents Matthew and Karen Winn, after they felt a calling by God to go to China and adopt Lee. "Lee just loves life", his father said. "He wakes up smiling and looks forward to bringing on the day". There were times in Lee's life early on that he could not use his arms or legs and needed rehabilitation to get movement. Yet, Lee continued to smile and was thankful for each day.

*"Lee just loves life..."*

Lee's interest in golf began when he attended a Scottish Rite Children's Learn To Golf Clinic at Oak Hurst Golf Club. Scottish Rite director, Dana Dempsey, recommended Lee to The First Tee Program where he has flourished in his first season. Lee uses a special glove that allows him to hold the club while he swings. During his first season of programming, Lee was the first to arrive to class and often the last to leave. After eight weeks of programming, Lee completed his PLAYer certification and is now participating in Par level classes. Lee is home schooled in Bullard and has stated that golf is the sport and activity that he is dedicated to being great at. We are proud of Lee and look forward to his continuing journey with The First Tee.

<<< a look back

## Program Notes

2018 can be described as a year of foundation and personal progression. This past summer, we were blessed with our first participant building set at our home course, Oak Hurst Golf Club. Our new home features a fun work area for students to hang out, complete homework, and even practice inside when the weather isn't cooperating. Through the support of our wonderful donors, the children have a place they can call their own. We welcomed nearly 300 unique participants throughout the year while also having over 20% of those participants advancing through the next level of the Life Skills Experience, which is the highest in our chapter. This is in large part due to the excellent coaches we have dedicating their time with our participants, ensuring that the quality of life skill and core value components are being implemented at the highest level along with the unique golf skills being taught. We again had participant and coach representation at a national event for the 5th year in a row at the Life Skills and Leadership Academy located at Michigan St. University. Pretty cool!

2019 looks to be even more promising as we are being blessed with new opportunities to take our programs to more schools and neighborhoods in the greater Tyler region! Participants are already geared up for national opportunities and new coaches are ready to begin the journey of activity based mentoring. We are thankful for the support of our parents, coaches, and individuals in the community who believe in The Life Skills Experience!

Christian Sarran  
Program Director

## Volunteers give – Henry Jones

*Volunteers give of their time to mentor, tutor, coach and even counsel the participants that come through our programs. One such volunteer has been giving with his whole heart to The First Tee of Greater Tyler since 2011.*

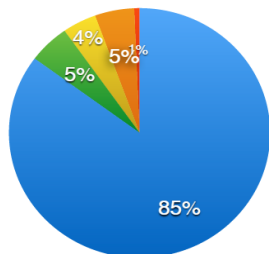
Henry B. “Butch” Jones, Jr. is a native Tylerite, a 1962 R.E.L. H.S. Grad and received a BScE in 1967 from University of Texas. Jones is married to Carol (Clark) Jones and they share 4 children and 7 grandchildren. After 41+ years, Jones retired in 2009 from Howe-Baker Engineers (now CB&I). He and Carol are members at Green Acres Baptist Church. Cascades Golf Club is his home course and Jones is a member of Gideons International. His hobbies include golf, spectator sports and volunteer opportunities.

Jones has been a volunteer Asst. Coach and Level 1 Coach at The First Tee of Greater Tyler since September 2011. Henry is a great leader for the other coaches as well as the participants. Jones also volunteers as secretary for Tyler East Gideon Camp, at the info desk at Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital, as a Salvation Army bell-ringer and youth basketball coach and referee at GABC.

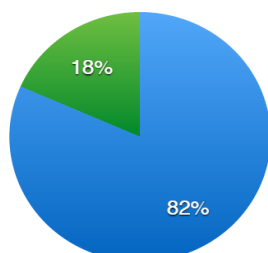


### 2018 participant stats >>>

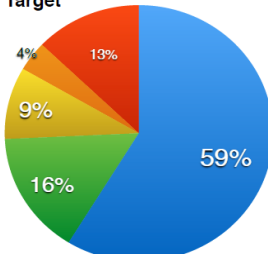
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● Other



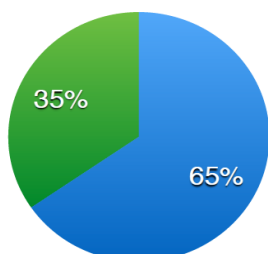
● Oak Hurst ● Emerald Bay



● PLAYER ● Par ● Birdie ● Eagle  
● Target

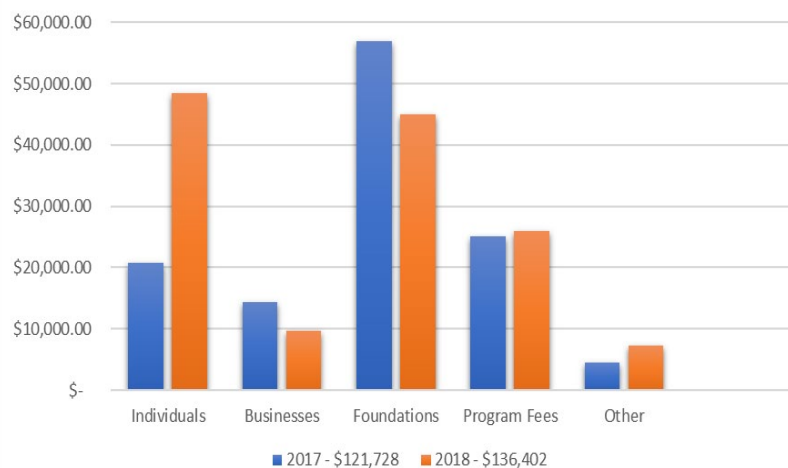


● Male ● Female



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#### 2017-2018 Financial Comparison



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## A New Way to Give...

Text GIVE to 903-200-8657 and follow the instructions to a simplified way to give.  
Thank you!

# A Legacy Left

*"I am so blessed to do this in honor of his memory."*

Sharon Sikes



Arnold T. Sikes was a man who loved his family, his community and golf. Arnold grew up in West Texas and graduated from Texas Tech with a CPA. The lure of oil and gas soon called him as he developed many successful business relationships. He and Sharon were married for 56 years and have two sons. They started a non-profit, Angel Layettes to minister to families of stillborn infants.

Arnold's passion for families and kids was evident when he gave rides to them at Hollytree golf course. He enjoyed sharing stories with the kids. When Arnold passed, Sharon noticed she was taking his name off so many things and she knew then she

wanted to put his name on something, to set up a legacy. She fulfilled this dream by joining with The First Tee of Greater Tyler to create the *Arnold T. Sikes Memorial Endowment Fund* benefiting The First Tee of Greater Tyler at the East Texas Communities Foundation. Sharon said, "I am so blessed to do this in honor of his memory." And we are so honored to be the recipient of such a fund in the memory of such a great man.

If you also want to make a difference, by including The First Tee of Greater Tyler in your estate or long-term financial plans, please share the following information with your attorney: Legal Name – Tyler Junior Golf Foundation d.b.a. The First Tee of Greater Tyler; Tax ID – 32-0223589; Incorporated In - 2008.

If you have already included The First Tee of Greater Tyler in your estate plans, please let us know so we can thank you.

## The Arnold T. Sikes Memorial Endowment Fund benefiting The First Tee of Greater Tyler

Is now open at the East Texas Communities Foundation, 315 N Broadway, Ste 210, Tyler, Texas 75702. Donations made to this fund are separate from donations for general operations and go toward building upon a solid financial foundation for programs serving youth now and in the future. Please indicate on your donation that you wish to designate it to general funds or to the endowment fund. Thank you.



## Monday, October 14, 2019

Join other teams at Hollytree Country Club as they face the challenges set before them at this year's Skills Challenge benefiting The First Tee of Greater Tyler. To find out more about this 6-man scramble, please contact a staff member at [info@thefirstteegt.org](mailto:info@thefirstteegt.org).

## Be a Sponsor

Gain recognition for supporting youth in our community by being an event sponsor. Opportunities include:

**Team Sponsor** - \$875

**Shirt Sponsor** - \$5000 w/logo on shirts (over 120 walking billboards), **Golf Ball**

**Sponsor** - \$2000 w/logo on ball **Players**

**Towel Sponsor** - \$2000 w/logo on towel,

**Beverage Sponsor** - \$1000 w/logo on coolers, and even by having a **Corporate Presence** - \$250-\$500.

Contact Stacia Aylor to become a sponsor today! [stacia@thefirstteegt.org](mailto:stacia@thefirstteegt.org)

## Make a difference >>>

Name

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## Your donation of...

- ☐ \$1000 funds 5 participants
- ☐ \$500 funds equipment rental for National School Program
- ☐ \$200 sponsors 1 participant
- ☐ \$100 provides yardage books and bag tags for a season
- ☐ \$50 provides critical e-learning classes for a life skills coach
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ - wherever needed

*Thank you for investing in the young people of East Texas!*



# Spring Classes!>>>



*Classes begin the week of March 18th and registration is currently open.*

Spring Classes are offered at either Oak Hurst (Tu,Th, or Sa) or Emerald Bay (Tu or Th). Registration is online through our new parent portal. The cost ranges from Lil Chipper at \$40 up to \$90 for the Eagle/Ace classes. If registering more than one sibling, the additional siblings are half off.

*Each class will teach our Nine Core Values and encourage healthy living through our Nine Healthy Habits.*

For more information visit...



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2018 Award Recipients

## Upcoming events >>>

March 17 – Pot of Gold

March 18 – Spring Classes Start

March 29 – First Play Day of year

April 30 – East Texas Giving Day

June 10 – Summer Camps Start

September 15 – Fall Classes Start

October 14 – Skills Challenge

November 4 – Annual Awards Banquet

November 11 – Mini Marathon

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