



FOUNDATION

METROPOLITAN SECTION

2024 IMPACT REPORT



6,000+

LIVES ENGAGED WITH PROGRAMMING

\$200,000+

DONATED TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S
HOSPITALS AND THOSE UNDERSERVED
BY THE GAME

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EVENTS

FUNDRAISING



The Met PGA Birdie Bash expanded to two sites this year at Bethpage GC and Silvermine GC where 37 teams of Metropolitan Section PGA Professionals played 72 holes of golf in one day sinking 1,729 Birdies to raise over \$270,000! Through each professional's network, solicited donors made a financial pledge per birdie to help raise funds to benefit the Metropolitan Section PGA Foundation, and PlayYellow for Children's Hospitals including Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Westchester and Cohens Children's Hospital on Long Island. Mark your calendars for next year's events on Monday, August 11th! Thank you to all who played and supported our teams!



New York Mets, All-Star Second Baseman and Met PGA Foundation Ambassador, Jeff McNeil, and Emmy Award winner, Hank Azaria joined together to host a charity poker event to raise money for two very special causes at their inaugural Poker Showdown at CitiField. McNeil's charity was the Metropolitan PGA Foundation, and Azaria chose The Soul Focused Group. This spectacular evening included poker, cocktails, dinner, golf, magic, and more as we came together to raise money for these two remarkable organizations. Hank and Jeff invited their friends in the sports and entertainment industries to join us for this evening and over \$120,000 was raised.



The Augie Met PGA Championship Pro-Am was held at Noyac GC on September 16th and was a very memorable day for all in attendance as we honored two very deserving supporters of the Foundation, Rick Meskell, PGA and Robert Giuffra. This year's event once again celebrated "Giving Back Through Golf" and raised over \$70,000 to support Foundation initiatives. Next year's event will be held on Monday, September 15th at Tamarack Country Club and we hope to see you there.

JEFF BRENNAN

Annual Memorial Golf Outing



The Jeff Brennan Memorial Golf Outing was held at South Shore CC on June 17th and raised over \$18,000 to support the Metropolitan Section PGA Foundation's junior golf programs on Staten Island and the Amyloidosis Foundation. This event pays tribute to Jeffery Brennan, who passed away unexpectedly from amyloidosis, a rare illness that is estimated to effect less than 200,000 people in the U.S. population. Inspired by his legacy, Jeff's family and friends organize the annual Jeff Brennan Memorial Golf Outing each year.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

\$100,000 & UP

Jeff McNeil & Hank Azaria
Poker Showdown

Birdie Bash
Northwell Health

\$70,000 & UP

The Augie Met PGA Championship Pro Am

\$20,000 & UP

Burning Tree Country Club
Featherie

Saint Andrew's Golf Club
Silvercrest Asset Management
Wee Burn Country Club

\$15,000 & UP

Apawamis Club
Jeff Brennan Memorial

Meadow Brook Club
Southern Dutchess CC

\$10,000 & UP

Birchwood Country Club
Callaway Golf
Christopher and Waneska Torto
Clippd

Connecticut Golf Club
Garmany Golf
Innis Arden Golf Club
Jeff McNeil

Mill River Club
Old Oaks Country Club
Patterson Club
Piping Rock Club

Quaker Ridge Golf Club
Richmond County CC
Rolling Hills Country Club
Tamarack Country Club
Woodside Club

\$5,000 & UP

Anheuser Busch
Brian Crowell, PGA
Country Club of Darien
Dicks Sporting Goods

Engineers Country Club
Fenway Golf Club
Garden City Golf Club
Jim Smoot, PGA
Kickpoint Golf

Metropolis Country Club
Pine Ridge Golf Club
Robert & Janet Postma
Rockville Links Club
Salem Golf Club

Silo Ridge Field Club
Silvermine Golf Club
Stanwich Club
Tuxedo Club
Vineyards Golf Club

\$2,500 & UP

Nat & Laura Alcamo
Avidia Bank

Bonnie Briar Country Club
Brae Burn Country Club

Country Club of Fairfield
Indian Hills Country Club
Luke Smith

Merrick GC
Muttontown Club
Scarsdale Golf Club

\$1,000 & UP

Atlantic Golf Club
Bill Larkin
Country Club of New Canaan
Doug Jansen, PGA
Glen Head Country Club
Glen Oaks Club

Golftec of Westport
Jonathan Gold, PGA
John Starks Foundation
Joseph D. Julia Memorial
Mahopac Golf Club
Marc Goldstein

Metropolis Country Club
Metropolitan Golf Writers
Michael Breed, PGA
North Port American Legion
Round Hill Club
Straight Down

Thomas & Louisa Schneider
Vincenzo Rallo, PGA
Woodway Country Club

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!





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OUR REACH

FOUNDATION IMPACT

- 3,000+** Hours donated by PGA Professionals annually
- 50+** College Scholarships provided since 2015
- 6,000+** Lives engaged with programming
- \$200,000+** Donated to local children’s hospitals and those underserved by the game
- 120** Scholarships granted
- 40** Financial Aid Scholarships Provided
- 200+** Interns since 2000
- 83%** Of donations go towards delivering programs to serve our mission

JUNIOR GOLF

-  **1,324** Junior Tour Members
- 96** Tournaments
- 140** Jr. League Programs
- 2,132** Boys and Girls participated in Jr. League
- JUNIOR TOUR** **995** Drive, Chip & Putt participants

MILITARY

-  **206** Veterans graduated PGA HOPE
- 381** Military Golf League participants
- 1,400** Veterans served since 2015



This season we were thrilled to have announced Northwell Health as the official healthcare partner of the Metropolitan Section PGA. With our shared commitment to serving those who serve us, Northwell Health, New York State's largest health care provider, sponsored Metropolitan PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) programming, a program dedicated to driving community, high-quality care, and career development opportunities amongst active military and veteran populations throughout the metropolitan area.

The PGA HOPE program is a six-week adaptive golf program with classes held at designated Met Area golf courses in the spring and fall. Over the last few years, prominent Northwell Health employees have graduated from the PGA HOPE program including Juan Serrano (Director, Office of Military and Veterans Liaison Services), Sean Christensen (Manager, Distribution Operations), and John Kelly (LMSW). We are excited to welcome additional Northwell Health affiliated veterans to take part in our upcoming classes this fall.

In addition to supporting PGA HOPE classes, Northwell Health also sponsored the section's Military Golf League that culminated in a league championship this fall around National Day of HOPE.

“For nearly twenty years, Northwell has been a proud, military-friendly employer and provider – serving and supporting active-duty personnel, veterans and their families,” said Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell. “We hire hundreds of veterans each year and over the past decade, we have awarded about \$1.8 million to employees who were mobilized and deployed overseas as part of our commitment to ensure they do not lose valuable income while they serve. We are proud to partner with the Metropolitan Section Foundation HOPE program as part of that mission.”





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Dedicated to changing lives through the GAME OF GOLF

Foundation Ambassadors



**Rob Labritz, PGA
PGA TOUR Champions**



**Jeff McNeil
New York Mets**



**Cameron Young
PGA TOUR**

Labritz, McNeil, and Young have proven their ability to compete at the highest levels of their trade, but it's their work off the course that shows their true character. Their desire to make a difference in the community on local and national levels is unmatched and we are extremely excited to have them as representatives of our Foundation initiatives.

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