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The 59th Annual

Buddy Fund Golf Classic & Auction



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Forest Park/Norman K. Probstain Golf Course
Friday, September 17, 2021



Changing Lives Through Sports.

Who We Are

The Buddy Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity helping St. Louis area children without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. It was founded in 1962 by St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Hawks player/sportscaster Buddy Blattner to help redirect the lives of underserved and at-risk kids by supplying new sports and recreation equipment to charities and organizations in our communities.

Our Vision

We serve our local at-risk youth in partnership with dedicated schools, recreation, and youth organizations by providing new sports and recreation equipment to create opportunities for development of their physical and mental health, confidence and character, teamwork and respect for others, and academic expectations and personal responsibility.

Accomplishments

This year is a record year of providing sports equipment and supplies to 75 youth organizations that are located in low income neighborhoods, where they have direct access to the underserved, at-risk youth.

Since 1962, cumulative efforts by The Buddy Fund have helped over 500,000 youngsters and provided more than \$3,950,000 in sports equipment.

Testimonials

The Buddy Fund has helped the youth of our organization by enabling The Salvation Army Gateway Citadel Corps to provide quality sports and enrichment programs for our children.

For the past 40 years, our corps has been the recipient of Buddy Fund donations. The sporting equipment, from playground balls and softball bases, to large-scale game sets, has been used in the development of several programs, and in events and tournaments since the corps existence. We attribute much of their success to the supplies we receive from The Buddy Fund.

This year alone, The Buddy Fund has helped us to make a difference in the lives of over 200 children in our after school, day camp, and home school physical education programs. Of most importance for the kids are lessons learned in sports discipline and recreation that help us to fulfill our youth character-building mission. The Buddy Fund has thereby been highly significant in allowing The Salvation Army Gateway to develop and reach its own short-term and longer-term program goals over the years.

We want to thank the members, sponsors, and community for their ongoing support in providing such a valuable resource through the Buddy Fund. With your continued contribution and commitment, you directly make a positive impact in the lives of several youth in the St. Louis community!



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Good Morning and Welcome to the 59th Buddy Fund Golf Classic and Auction!

Things You Need To Know

Masks/Hand Sanitizer: Masks are optional. If you prefer to wear a mask, limited supply will be available or you can provide your own. Hand sanitizer is available in your gift bag and at key locations around the course.

Food and Beverages: Eye-opening breakfast buffet along with a Bloody Mary Bar will be available during check-in. Box lunch will be provided on the course. There will be three beverage carts available throughout the day. After Golf, please enjoy individual wrapped food items along with the open bar in the outdoor venue.

The Schedule:

- 8:30am: Check in Starts
- Eye-opening breakfast
- Bloody Mary Bar Open
- Last opportunity to purchase Speed Pass
- Pick up your participant gift and Raffle ticket for the awesome door prizes!
- Golfer Gift Bags are on the carts and stuffed full of snacks, hand sanitizer & good stuff for you!
- 10am: Shotgun Start
- On Course Beverages are available throughout the day
- Boxed lunch served mid-day on the course
- On Course Games throughout the day
- Fun Photo Opportunities
- Online Auction and Fund A Need going on right now!
 - If you have not pre-registered, it is easy to hop on the secure site to view and bid on items while you are out on the course. The auction will close at 7pm today. Don't miss out – Sign up here NOW!

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Following Golf (In the outdoor venue):

- 3pm: Open Bar
- Individual wrapped food provided by Mellow Mushroom.
- Ron Jacober, Former KMOX Sports Director, and is a Missouri Sports Hall of Famer and St. Louis Radio and Media Halls of Famer
- Guest Speakers Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Leon Spinks, Jr.
- Live Fund A Need, Toney Thornhill
- Flight and Contest Winners announced/prizes distributed
- Door Prize Winners drawn/prizes distributed-Your raffle ticket is stapled on this program.
- Auction closes @ 7pm tonight
Winners will be notified by text/e-mail. Options for pick up of your auction items are listed on the auction site.

Just by you being here today allows at-risk underserved youth to participate in sports and recreation activities!

From all of us at the Buddy Fund, THANK YOU very much for your support!

George W. Kriegshauser and Cale Prokopf, Tournament Co-Chairs
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