



CHRIS MALONEY LEGACY FOUNDATION

The First Tee of Western New York and The Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation partner to introduce the National School Program to the Lockport City School District and DeSales Catholic School

Lockport, New York (November 1st, 2018) – The First Tee of Western New York, a nonprofit whose mission is to teach children core values, wellness and life skills through the game of golf, announces the addition of the Lockport City School District and DeSales Catholic School in its National School Program (NSP) beginning this semester and the addition of a new green grass facility at the Niagara County Golf Course. With this expansion, and funding assistance provided by The Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation, the chapter will serve to impact over 2,000 youth throughout the Lockport area.

Since 1999, the The First Tee of Western New York has been providing educational programs that build character. The First Tee enables students to develop skills including sportsmanship, respect and confidence while learning the game of golf. Programs take place onsite at schools as well as seven green grass facilities including Brighton Golf Course/Paddock Golf Dome, Elma Meadows, Glen Oak, Grover Cleveland, Harvest Hill, Spruce Ridge, and Niagara County.

The First Tee of Western New York serves more than 5,000 youth through its programs. By spring 2019, that number will grow to include an additional 3,000-4,000 students. Current school districts already represented in the program include: Amherst Central Schools, Holland Central Schools, Ken-Ton School District, Tapestry Charter and Niagara Charter.

The First Tee of Western New York is also expanding its green grass locations. Projections for 2019 forecast two new green grass sites throughout the year, bringing the total number from seven to nine.

“Thanks to the proceeds from The Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation, we are able to expand our program into two new school districts in the Lockport area,” said Tim Frank, executive director of The First Tee of Western New York. “We are excited that our impact on local youth continues to grow significantly. By teaching them wellness and character development through the game of golf, we are giving them skills that will last a lifetime.”

“We look to continue to support programs like to those from The First Tee of Western New York that are educating our future leaders and giving thousands of children a chance at a brighter future. Our mission to raise awareness of the growing issues surrounding addiction and

assist in the prevention of addiction can be achieved by programs like those implemented by The First Tee of Western New York” said Deb Maloney Hicks, Board President of the Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation.

"The Lockport City School District is looking forward to partnering with the Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation and The First Tee of Western New York to integrate a character education and youth development program through basic golf activities. Our district Kindergarten - grade 6 students will be engaged in fun, safe sport and game while learning valuable life lessons that will benefit them for a lifetime. We are excited to bring this forward for our students, by teaching them wellness and character development through the game of golf." Michael Sobieraski -Director of Physical Education K-12.

“Golf is a life-long sport. We are happy to partner with The First Tee of WNY and the Chris Maloney Foundation to introduce the game of golf to our students.” Karen Rahill – DeSales Principal

About the First Tee of Western New York

Since its inception in 1999, The First Tee of Western New York has grown to deliver programs throughout Western New York at participating schools and golf courses.

The First Tee of Western New York is one of 150 chapters around the country and world. The First Tee of Western New York is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit youth development organization in Western New York whose mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. The organization is positively impacting millions of kids along the way through The First Tee Nine Core Values™: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.

The First Tee’s Founding Partners are LPGA, the Masters Tournament, PGA of America, PGA TOUR and the USGA. Shell Oil Company is The First Tee’s Founding Corporate Partner and Johnson & Johnson is its Legacy Partner. Former President George W. Bush serves as honorary chair.

To learn more about The First Tee of Western New Your, visit <https://www.thefirstteewesternny.org>

About Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation

The Chris Maloney Legacy Foundation is a registered 501c3 charitable organization. Sustainability will allow the organization to direct funds and support to a variety of programs that look to prevent addiction in unique and helpful ways. Finding avenues to strengthen character in our youth, providing for stronger and longer lasting support systems within our communities, and creating effective and truthful education are current focus points.

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