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LEGEND OAKS GIVES BACK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Inaugural “Step by Step Together for Brent” Back Nine 5K Fun Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run, Hosted by Legend Oaks Gives Back Raises \$7,084!

The Fundraising Event Included a 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk.

Summerville, SC: The inaugural “Step by Step Together for Brent” Back Nine 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run hosted by Legend Oaks Gives Back (LOGB) on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club raised \$7,084. Ninety two participants ran or walked through the back nine holes of the golf course on the USATF Certified 5K and the 1 Mile Fun Run.

The top three male and female finishers in both events were acknowledged at the end of the event. The top finishers in the 5K event were: Male - 1st place Gary Bolduc 19:03, 2nd place Phil Strode 22:26, 3rd place Jeff Nixon 25:53, Female - 1st place Jennifer Bell 24:35, 2nd place Jessica Littlejohn 27:11, Nicole Tidd 27:18. The top three finishers in the 1Mile event were: Male - 1st place JJ Marsar 6:36, Connor Wilson 6:37, Daniel Morales, Jr. 7:25, Female - Kendall Hauck 10:19, Kaylee Hall 10:56, Hannah Mains 11:07.

“Step by Step Together for Brent” benefitted Brent Rightler of Summerville, SC. Brent, a Junior at Ashley Ridge High School, was seriously injured in an car accident on March 7th, 2019. “He is an active 16-year old who has participated in wrestling, football and tennis for the Swamp Foxes”, his mother Amy commented. “He loves to fish and his passion is auto mechanics.” The March accident left Brent a paraplegic. Despite his numerous injuries, he has been working hard at physical therapy and his doctors have been amazed at his progress.

“Our goal is to keep Brent’s muscles strong and his heart and bones healthy.” Amy said. “We know a cure is possible in his lifetime and we want him to be ready when it happens. The best way we can accomplish this is to provide him with a FES (Functional Electrical Stimulation) Cycle to use for daily home physical therapy. Unfortunately, this is not something that insurance companies pay for.”

The Rightler family and Legend Oaks owner Jim Chickarello thanked the many sponsors and donators for their generous support of Brent. They also thanked all the amazing runners, walkers and volunteers who participated and assisted at the event, including the Ashley Ridge Wrestling Team, the Ashley Ridge Boys and Girls Golf Teams, neighbors, family and friends near and far, and the Legend Oaks Staff.

A very special thank you went out to event sponsor Adam Gorlitsky founder of I GOT LEGS, a non-profit organization dedicated to ReEnabling people with physical challenges. Adam, also a paraplegic, is widely known in the Charleston area for raising funds for those disabled. With the aid of his ReWalk Robotic Exoskeleton, Adam joined Brent in the 1Mile event. I GOT LEGS is partnering with Myolyn to assist Brent in securing a MyoCycle, (FES), which will enable him to receive daily physical therapy at home.

The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative, founded in 2008, has to date donated over \$364,000 in cash and goods to those in need. Past events have included golf tournaments, a USTA sanctioned tennis tournament, a 5K run on the back nine, a used golf and tennis equipment drive, a back to school supplies drive, a turn the course pink campaign and a Christmas toy drive. Past donations have benefited The Alzheimer's Association, The ARK Alzheimer's Family and Support Services, Charleston Youth Hockey Association, Dorchester Children's Center, Meals on Wheels of Summerville, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, MUSC Children's Hospital, One80 Place, and The South Carolina Junior Golf Association. The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative, operating with the motto of **"A Community Working Together, to Help Those in Need"**, has set even higher goals for 2019.

The Legend Oaks Gives Back charity initiative welcomes businesses and members of the community who would like to become involved and help those in our local community in need. For more information, please contact Theresa Ware at 843-821-4077 ext 103 or email tware@legendoaksgolf.com.

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L to R: Rightler Family, Lauren, Garrett, Brent and Amy

Legend Oaks Gives Back Team, Kathy Chickarello, Neil Gowan and Jim Chickarello

Brent, Stan Grolitsky (Adams Father) and Adam on 1 mile course



Brent and Adam near the finish line



Brent Rightler after finish line



Support from the Ashley Ridge Wrestling Team

