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**LEGEND OAKS GIVES BACK**

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Legend Oaks Gives Back Charity Golf Tournament, Hosted by Legend Oaks Golf & Tennis Club, Raises \$24,500 for Meals on Wheels of Summerville.**

*The Charity event included a Golf Tournament and Dinner with Silent Auction.*

**Summerville, SC:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Legend Oaks Gives Back Golf Tournament and Dinner with Silent Auction was held September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The event, benefiting Meals on Wheels of Summerville, raised \$24,500 to support the Lowcountry in need.

The Golf Tournament opened with a brunch prior to a shotgun start for the 112 players in the event. The 18-hole Captain's Choice tournament included many forms of "upgrades" for the players to enhance their game, such as mulligans, golf pong, red solo cup shot, critter toss and more! Prizes were awarded for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin, along with honors for the top three teams. This year 1<sup>st</sup> place went to the team of Bill Alwardt, Aaron Chase, Andrew Sloan and Keith Sloan. A Dinner with Silent Auction followed the Golf Tournament and included Live Entertainment for the 165 diners as they enjoyed the delicious meal, donated by Carrabba's Italian Grill in North Charleston, SC.

The 2016 designated beneficiary charity, Meals on Wheels of Summerville, as selected by members of Legend Oaks Golf and Tennis Club, were the biggest winners of the night. Club owner and committee chair Jim Chickarello is thrilled to see the continued growth of this event and the many other Legend Oaks Gives Back charity events held throughout the year. "It is also great to see residents in the community joining together to support their neighbors in need", commented Chickarello. "They need our support more than ever this year and I am proud to announce that since the inception in 2008 of the Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative, our numerous annual events have raised over \$304,000 in cash and goods for local charities. Most importantly, these donations stay within our community".

Chickarello thanked first and foremost, Tim Cooney, Owner of Falcon Fire Systems, our generous Title Sponsor for the second straight year! Chickarello also thanked the Legend Oaks Gives Back Committee Volunteers for this event: Tammy Johns, Dan Vancoppenolle and Sharon Vancoppenolle, along with Legend Oaks Managers Pete Carney, Tony Jones, Bryant McKee, Brian Ouse, Rick Smith and Theresia Ware. The event was a great success due to the many event day volunteers which included members, and neighbors in Legend Oaks, ladies from the Junior Service League of Summerville, volunteers from Meals on Wheels, Trident Technical Dental Hygienist Students and Ashley Ridge High School Students. A big thank you

also went out to all the generous sponsors and donors in the business community for their continued support of Legend Oaks Gives Back events.

The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative was founded in 2008. The year-around initiative includes 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, in addition to this annual event. Past donations have benefited The Alzheimer's Association, The ARK Alzheimer's Family and Support Services, Dorchester Children's Center, Meals on Wheels of Summerville, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, MUSC Children's Hospital, One80 Place, the Professional Tennis Registry Foundation and The South Carolina Junior Golf Association. The Legend Oaks Gives Back initiative, operating with the motto "**A Community Working Together, to Help Those in Need**", has set even higher goals for 2017.

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](mailto:tware@legendoaksgolf.com).



Check Presentation to Meals on Wheels

Left to Right: Tony Jones, Jim Chickarello, Kathy Chickarello, Tim Cooney (Title Sponsor), Wayne Lodge (MOW), Theresa Ware and Brian Ouse