Annual Report

“Good Golfers. Better People.”
In 1997, I read about the First Tee in Golf World, a golf news magazine that most pros devour each week. I had already devoted my life to golf for over 20 years and knew very well the benefits my members (both adult and child) received by playing and being around the game. I knew what golf brought to me and felt that I had personally practiced and taught the life values that my parents instilled in me as a child. I loved coaching children the magic of the game. I always emphasized the codes of behavior within the game of golf to all the juniors that crossed my path.

I looked for anywhere I could get involved. When I heard of Ted May and Kent Scully and Mayor Mike's golf program in Hartford. The following winter I made a trip to Ponte Vedra Beach to meet with the new director of the nascent organization called the First Tee. That meeting cemented my interest and passion to support all efforts to bring the First Tee concept to greater Hartford. Ted, Kent and I worked on creating the First Tee of Hartford and hired Dan Malarney, PGA, as our program director. Dan did a great job finding sites, creating customers, all working out of the back of his pick-up truck. We spent a couple of years trying to develop a First Tee site at Goodwin Park and when that dream failed a Hartford council vote, we began a multi-year search for partners and sites to create a home.

When Ted, Paul Mersereau and others created the relationship with the CSGA's CT Golf Foundation, I felt we had a real chance for success. The result of that alliance was the expansion to the First Tee of CT and eventually Ted's brilliant concept of a partnership at TPC River Highlands made the dream of an actual site a real possibility. Several years of fundraising and hundreds of meetings resulted in our great Learning Center.

Upon my retirement in 2008, I had more time to devote to my passion to use golf as a vehicle to improve peoples' lives. With Mim's steadfast help, we were able to hit the ground with the many organizations that we previously helped from afar with fundraising. The First Tee was certainly one of the most important places we put our efforts.

The concept of legacy giving is a very powerful tool to ensure the First Tee's funding needs well beyond annual appeals. Success in this area will affect an entire generation of people. It ensures our passion for kids will be felt far into the future. It is a very easy process, no matter how large or small the bequest, and can have decided tax advantages under present law.”

–Gary & Mim Reynolds

Planned giving is for people from all walks of life and all income levels, who want to make a difference in the world; who want to leave a legacy; who want to make the world a better place. For donors, planned giving may be a way to give their life new meaning, to keep doing good even after death. Planned giving can play a critical role in ensuring a nonprofit’s long-term financial health. A legacy gift can be structured over a period of time or can be deferred, and it can involve a variety of assets, including cash, stock, business interests, real estate, artwork, tangible personal property, life insurance, retirement plan assets and more. For more information on leaving a legacy gift, please contact Development Director, Christy Miller at cmiller@thefirstteect.org.
Dear Friends of First Tee of Connecticut,

2019 offered us an opportunity to reflect upon our history, and to think about our future as we celebrated our 20th anniversary. Several times, we thought about our humble beginnings 20 years ago with 18 kids at Goodwin Park in Hartford, and now we reach over 71,000 children across the state of Connecticut. We celebrated our anniversary throughout the year, including with a signature event at Round Hill in honor of one of our founding Board members, Everett Fisher.

We assumed responsibility for Fairfield County two years ago, making us truly the First Tee of Connecticut. We’ve made significant progress increasing the number of children in our programming and increasing the awareness of the impact we have on young children. One major challenge we face in the coming years is identifying outdoor programming sites in lower Fairfield County, so we can offer the young children who want to progress with us the same opportunity to participate. I’m confident that with all of our continued support and focus, we will be able to provide that opportunity in the coming years.

One of our original objectives 20 years ago was to offer the programming and the game of golf to children who might not otherwise have an opportunity. In an effort to continue this focus, we created an outreach program in New Haven to enhance partnerships in the area. Thanks to the great efforts of Tim Swensen and Ilona Emmerth with local advocates, we made meaningful improvements in our recruiting and retention in inner-city New Haven in both our ongoing programming as well as new activities. This achievement is important in and of itself, and also provides us a blueprint to carry over to the other major cities in the state.

From our humble beginnings with 18 children to 71,000 across the state in 2019, our goal has remained the same, to teach children life skills through the game of golf. I would never in my wildest dreams have imagined what we have achieved over the last 20 years. With your support, I trust that the Chairman writing this letter 20 years from now will feel the same way.

Sincerely,

David Dixon

The First Tee Life Skills Experience helps young people develop character by focusing on The First Tee Nine Core Values: Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy, Judgment

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Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy and Judgment are principles that have helped me, and create an amazing personal compass. “The focus on the 9 core values - golf is an amazing game, but what you learn from it, and what you take into the other stages of your life lasts forever,” Ferney explained. “Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy and Judgment are principles that have helped me, and create an amazing personal compass.”

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COACH PROFILE: First Tee Coach at the Alling Memorial Golf Course in New Haven, Jesse Duff started his First Tee coaching career down in Charleston, SC with former First Tee of Connecticut Assistant Program Director, Meghan Taylor at First Tee of Charleston. It was our good fortune that Duff, an active-duty member of the Military, moved to Connecticut with the Coast Guard and wanted to continue his coaching with us! Duff explained, “I love interacting with the kids and seeing them grow as golfers and people. I like that the focus is more on making better people with a secondary goal to make them better technical golfers. In the time that I have been involved it has been amazing to see some of the transformations: shy kids becoming very outgoing, some youngsters new to golf advancing to becoming talented members/mentors on their high school teams, and even some being accepted into college PGM programs. I have also made lifelong friendships and professional connections with other coaches, Chapter leadership, and participants and their families.” The First Tee has given Duff a plan on what he will do when he retires from the military; you’ll be seeing him on the links coaching golf with the First Tee!

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PARTICIPANT: Thirteen-year-old Selam Olson, who is a participant of First Tee at our Alling Memorial and Yale locations has been taking classes for five and a half years. Olson explained, “First Tee hosted a clinic at my summer camp, and I went and gave it a try and I loved it!” About a year later, Olson decided she’d try another sport and remembered First Tee and tried a few classes and loved them, too. Olson said, “The things I like most about First Tee are the cool special opportunities, great coaches and core values because you’re not just learning golf, you’re learning life.” Olson has had the opportunity to participate in girls golf events in Cromwell and at Yale, an Eversource golf event during Travelers Championship week, and she played in a tournament with coaches at Keney Park in Hartford. Olson enthusiastically described, “Because I’m involved in girls golf through First Tee, I was able to apply for a contest to go to an LPGA event in Florida - I won and got to walk inside the ropes at a tournament. You never know where First Tee will take you!”

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Co-founder and Partner at Bazini Hopp, Tech PR Agency, Karen Hopp joined the First Tee of CT Board of Directors in April of 2019. Hopp had been familiar with First Tee for many years at the national level and loved its mission but was not aware of its local and regional chapters until a friend recommended that she join the committee for the Taste of the Tee in 2016. In 2018, Hopp elevated her involvement by becoming Co-Chair of the Taste of the Tee at Fairview Country Club. Hopp explained that what she enjoys most is “the people.” Hopp said, “Whether they are coaches, volunteers, donors, board members or the young athletes, everyone involved in the First Tee is working to better themselves and the world around them. I love that we introduce a sport to those who might otherwise not have access to it while instilling life lessons and building character. You never know what activity is going to light a spark in a child that becomes a lifelong passion. Golf is incredibly special in that it can open up a world of opportunity and experiences. It’s a wonderful feeling to know that First Tee programming has the ability to change the trajectory of someone’s life for the better.”

FACILITY OPERATOR: Peter Seaman, PGA Golf Professional at Keney Park Golf Course since it reopened in 2016 has been affiliated with First Tee of Connecticut since 2012. Seaman started off with First Tee of Connecticut by working three winters for First Tee, delivering In-School programming in the Waterbury Public Schools. Since then he has continued to support First Tee by hosting programming at Keney Park Golf Course and fundraising with the Player’s Club at Keney Park Golf Course. When asked what he enjoys most about his involvement with First Tee, Seaman answered, “The Staff! I also love the mission, the goals and junior golf.” Seaman said that First Tee’s ability to grow the game of golf and bring golf to demographics that generally are not exposed to this great game is incredible. Seaman explains, “It’s an uphill battle, with a low success rate, but the First Tee continues to grow despite all the obstacles. I am very proud of my support for the First Tee of CT. The First Tee has been an integral part of my life as a golf professional. I wish continued success and I will always help out the First Tee in any way that I can.”

ALUMNI: Christie Williams was first introduced to First Tee of Connecticut in 2009 when she was 12 years old and began taking weekly lessons which lead her all the way to the ACE level. At the age of 15 she began assistant coaching and has been doing that ever since. Williams said, “Through First Tee I have been on 2 different Life Skills and Leadership Academy trips. What I have enjoyed the most with First Tee has been the lifelong friendships I have made with not only people from First Tee CT but also people from the different chapters all over the country.” Williams’ favorite thing about coaching has been teaching kids the life skills and life lessons. “Not only do we teach kids how to be better golfers, but we also help these kids become good people and good friends,” Williams said. Williams attributed the First Tee with helping her realize that she wanted to work in the golf industry when she graduated college. “Now that I am out of college I moved down to Ponte Vedra, FL and am working in merchandising with the PGA Tour and TPC Sawgrass.”

VOLUNTEER: Ryan Bucciferro was introduced to First Tee of Connecticut in the spring of 2012 by his mother when he was only 9 years old. Bucciferro said, “Before my first class even started, I begged my mom to get me golf clubs. I knew that I was going to love it. I was right, I did! I have been with the First Tee ever since going up through all the ranks and then eventually becoming a volunteer coach.” Bucciferro coaches at Prospect and East Mountain. “The thing I enjoy most about my association with the First Tee is that I am able to share my passion for golf with other young people.” He continued, “The nine core values have had a tremendous impact on my life and the way I approach challenges. The most impactful for me have been perseverance, confidence, and integrity.” Bucciferro credits First Tee with helping him find his passion. He hopes to go on to college, earn a degree in Golf Management and become a PGA teaching professional. “I am forever grateful for the opportunities the First Tee of Connecticut has given me,” Bucciferro said.

Alumni,”

You are not just learning golf, you are learning life.”

“I have enjoyed lifelong friendships ... all over the country.”

“We need to continue to instill the values, instill the "First Tee" values.”
Spring 2019 was another season of cold and rainy conditions, challenging our First Tee participants, coaches and facilities operators, but we were rewarded with beautiful summer and fall seasons to enjoy golf and life skills experiences.

- We once again hosted our spring Parent Child event at Lyman Orchards Apple Nine, and our Parent Child at Fairchild Wheeler continues to be a fall favorite for our Fairfield County families.
- A sold-out Summer camp here on The Learning Links is always a highlight of July and August. Our Camp Director, Erin (a bilingual 3rd grade teacher during the school year), emphasizes yoga in our warmups and introduces new games to our campers. Every Friday afternoon, we host our participants’ families so the children can share what they learned all week (on the putting green, practice facility, the course and the classroom!).
- The summer and fall seasons were highlighted by multiple individual achievements and team events. PJ Cavaliere was selected and participated in the Perfect Sense Unified Challenge in Washington DC, with a select number of other First Tee participants from across the country. PJ played two rounds in a team format with a wounded veteran and Special Olympic golfer. It was a great opportunity to interact with these select athletes! PJ also followed in his older brother’s footsteps by achieving the highest skill level within First Tee, ACE certification.
- In July, Coach Mark Murnane accompanied 4 of our teen participants (2 girls and 2 boys) to the 2019 First Tee Philly Invitational. The participants experienced two days of golf, team building exercises and fun activities with fellow First Tee participants from around the Northeast. The highlights included rooming with a new friend on the Villanova University campus (testing those life skills!) for two days, and touring the Philadelphia Eagles practice facility in South Philadelphia.
- In late September, Lilly Moreau, a long-time participant, current assistant coach and Camp Counselor, was selected as one of 77 teens for one of our organization’s highest honors: a spot in the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach. Lilly spent the week playing in the pro-am with PGA TOUR Champions professional David McKenzie, interacting with business leaders and rekindling and making new First Tee friendships. Kudos to Lilly!
- Thank you to the facilities operators and their staff who welcome First Tee of Connecticut’s coaches and participants to their golf courses or driving ranges for weekly programs! You provide the classroom where our learning takes place and for that we are thankful.
As we move into 2020, we look forward to a new partnership with Golf Lounge 18, a virtual golf facility in Fairfield and New Haven county. They will be hosting two Open Houses for us this spring.

We are excited to host two training seminars in Cromwell for 2020: In May, we will host our local training (a new concept, to be run by a colleague from the Philadelphia chapter) for our Level I coaches and in September, we will host national training for Coach Trainers.

On the programming front, we look forward to hosting several different partner groups in late July for field trip days. This will be a great opportunity for youngsters to experience our Learning Links facility; it will be the first time on the golf course for many of these children!
In 2018 Americans gave $427.7 billion to charity! 77% of the total was made by individuals, 18% by foundations and 5% by corporations per Giving USA Report. Fundraising is a big business and crucial to the survival of nonprofits like First Tee of Connecticut and many others! Just like it’s good to be diversified in your portfolio, we try to be very conscientious in raising funds from a variety of sources. Events play a role in connecting givers to causes and continue to be our largest revenue source and there are several reasons behind that (Eventbrite study results):

- 80% of Americans believe it’s essential for people to come together in person to promote positive change.
- 71% of Americans agree that attending live events make them feel more connected to other people, the community, and the world.
- 70% of Americans agree that attending a live event has been more successful at expanding their perspective than just reading about a topic online.

In 2019, First Tee of Connecticut events generated 26% of our overall revenue. The success of our events is due to several factors including our fantastic event committees who help with everything from planning to spreading the word, our dedicated sponsors and individual participants who come out and support the event and our amazing volunteers who help us execute events that get to the heart of what First Tee of Connecticut is all about.

Hazardous Lies with LaCava and Wingo at First Tee of Connecticut
January 10: We kicked off our 20th Anniversary year with a different and exciting event which featured Tiger Woods’ Hall of Fame Caddie and First Tee of Connecticut Honorary Board member Joe LaCava with co-host of ESPN’s Golic and Wingo, SportsCenter and NFL Live – Trey Wingo. The night included food provided by Carbone’s Ristorante and beverages provided by Five Churches Brewing. Winner of NBC’s Inaugural Season of “The Voice” and also an Honorary Board member - Javier Colon warmed up the crowd with his amazing voice and guitar skills. Then Trey and Joe took the stage and shared behind the scenes stories about the PGA Tour, which kept our guests on the edge of their seats! By all accounts a great night was had by all in attendance.
First Tee Charity Classic at TPC River Highlands Presented by Eversource
**June 10th:** This event, considered the Kick-Off for the Travelers Championship, is always extra special because it’s right next door to our building, so it feels like our home court! As an added bonus, we had the opportunity to be one of the very first groups to use the beautiful new clubhouse at TPC River Highlands which was special for all our guests in attendance. We had a sell-out field of 25 fivesomes made up by sponsor groups paired with local celebrities. Led by our Presenting Sponsor – Eversource, this event netted $72,000. Since 2003, this Central Connecticut golf event has raised over $972,000 to support programming in this region of the state.

PwC First Tee Charity Classic at Country Club of Fairfield
**June 24th:** Although the weather did not cooperate for our originally scheduled May 6th date, we ended up with a perfect day on our June 24th make-up date! This event netted $53,000 to support programming in Fairfield County. The success of this tournament would not be possible without our Title Sponsor – PwC. First Tee of Connecticut Board member Craig Watchmaker along with PwC have supported this event for eight consecutive years.

First Tee of Connecticut’s 20th Anniversary Charity Classic in Honor of Everett Fisher at the Round Hill Club
**July 22nd:** This was an extra-special event as old and new friends gathered to celebrate the 20th anniversary of First Tee of Connecticut and honor the late Everett Fisher who was a Board Member and officer of First Tee of Connecticut from its inception until his death in 1995. Although storms cut short the golf portion of the event, that didn’t stop the special feeling of the day and the reason we were all there supporting the First Tee of Connecticut. The post golf program comprised several guest speakers including a visit from Jen Weiler, Senior Vice President, Network Relations from First Tee Headquarters, David Dixon, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the First Tee of Connecticut and Neel Sikka, First Tee of Connecticut Alumnus and current Lehigh University student. This event netted $58,000 due to the generosity and commitment of everyone involved!

First Tee Charity Classic at The Country Club of Waterbury
**August 26th:** Our final golf event of the season did not disappoint! Fifty-two supporters joined us on this stellar day at the recently renovated Country Club of Waterbury. We had several First Tee Alumni and current participants speak at the post golf program and talk about what their favorite core value is and why! Hearing from our alumni and current participants is always a highlight of our tournaments, because no one can better articulate how the First Tee of Connecticut impacts young people than the young people themselves! Over the past 16 years this event has raised more than $817,000 to support programming in the Greater New Haven and Waterbury regions.

PwC First Tee Charity Classic at Country Club of Waterbury
**August 26th:**

Taste of the Tee at The Country Club of Darien
**October 3rd:** We hosted our 5th Taste of the Tee at Country Club of Darien which benefitted our youth programs throughout Fairfield County. This event featured local club and restaurant chefs as well as several local spirit and dessert vendors for an evening of sipping and savoring. Sirius radio’s Michael Breed and long-time PGA Tour caddie Joe LaCava entertained the audience with stories of their unique experiences inside the ropes. First Tee of Connecticut rising star, Selam Olson gave a heartfelt speech on why the First Tee is so special to her. With the help of our amazing event committee, led by co-chairs Charlene and Michael Bego and Chuck and Dawn Deluca, this event raised $50,000.

**Next on the Tee**
We are hosting several exciting events in 2020! Here is a snapshot of what’s next on the tee. If you have any interest in participating in any of these events, please visit our website: www.thefirstteeconnecticut.org or contact our Director of Development, Christy Miller at 860-316-2513

- **Parent Child Open at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield, CT on Sunday, September 20, 2020**
- **First Tee Charity Classic at Race Brook Country Club in Orange, CT on Monday, October 5, 2020**
- **First Tee Celebrity Charity Classic presented by Eversource “Kick-Off to The Travelers Championship” at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT, date TBD**
- **Parent Child Open at Lyman Orchards Apple Nine, Middlefield, CT, Fall 2020**
- **PwC Charity Classic at Country Club of Fairfield, Fairfield, CT, Fall 2020**
- **The Taste of the Tee at Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, CT, Fall 2020**

*Top left: Webster Bank Fivesome at First Tee Charity Classic at TPC River Highlands, from L to R: Ed Wilson, Dan Montanaro, Scott Burrell, Peter Gabriel and Bill Wilson. Above right: Jeff Perez and Sue Woodford with Fairview Country Club.*
The First Tee of Connecticut History

Total participants served

Registered Ethnicity  (Non-Caucasian Goal: 33%)
- White or Caucasian: 76%
- Multi-Racial: 6%
- Asian: 5%
- Black or African-American: 8%
- Hispanic or Latino: <1%
- Pacific Islander: <1%

Registered Gender  (Female Goal: 35%)
- Male: 70%
- Female: 30%

Coaches  (45 coaches in total)
- Level I: 33%
- Level II: 4%
- The First Tee Coach: 4%
- Coach: 4%

School Programs
- 2019 Total: 182
  - National School Program: 109
  - School Partnership: 9
  - In School Program: 64

Registered Participants
- 2015: 2446
- 2016: 2410
- 2017: 2585
- 2018: 2400
- 2019: 2400

2019 Revenue Sources
- TFTCT Events: 26%
- Annual Giving Campaign: 10%
- Program Fees: 19%
- Travelers Championship: 4%
- Corporate Support: 6%
- Third Party Events: 10%
- Major Gifts: 11%
- Unrestricted General: 5%
- Grants: 6%
71,238

number of youth in
First Tee of Connecticut programs

2019 Program Map

These numbers represent our OUTREACH activities, including National School Programs, DRIVE, and In-School Instruction, as well as OUTDOOR programs which include Spring, Summer and Fall Group Lessons, Golf Squads, Summer Camps and Teams.

2019 Annual Donors

The First Tee of Connecticut is grateful to the many individuals, foundations, corporations, golf course staff, and alliance partners for providing chapter support during 2019. We also appreciate the many in-kind donations we received throughout the year. Thanks to this incredible support and promotion, we were able to introduce the Life Skills Experience to over 71,000 young people in Connecticut!

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- TGR Foundation
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$5,000 - $9,999
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