

Golfers Show SUPPORT for Students



ACC employees Katie Spenningsby and Mike Romans share a fun moment on a golf cart with fellow golf tournament volunteer Ben Kilzer, an ACC student.

The 27th Annual Anne Carlsen Center Benefit Golf Tournament, held August 8 at the Jamestown Country Club, raised more than \$28,000 for the Center.

The annual fundraiser brought 34, four-person teams together with nearly 40 volunteers for a fun-filled day on the links that helps support important opportunities for children and young adults with disabilities.

“It was a great turnout—both golfers and volunteers,” said Dan Kunzman, ACC Foundation Executive Director. “Even the rain showers during the last few holes couldn’t ruin the day. It was a fun way to raise support for our life-changing TechnoCamp at Elks Camp Grassick.”

TechnoCamp, the extraordinary camp experience sponsored by the Anne Carlsen Center, provides ACC students, and teens with disabilities from throughout North Dakota, with the chance make lifelong memories and friendships. They savor traditional camp favorites like swimming, hayrides and bonfires. Campers also use assistive technology to create a variety of music and art compositions.

ACC students were among those taking part in the volunteer effort at the golf tournament, posing for photos with the teams throughout the day and helping out with contests.

Alex Roller, an 19-year-old receiving residential and therapy services at the Center, used adaptive putting equipment at one of the holes, demonstrating how adaptive tools help individuals with disabilities live life to the fullest. “I really enjoy meeting the golfers and putting with them,” said Alex. “It’s a lot of fun!”

“We enjoy seeing the Anne Carlsen Center students play important roles in the tournament,” said Carol Held of Hankinson, N.D, who golfed in the tournament. “We’ve participated in this event as a family—my siblings and I—at least seven different times. It’s always something we look forward to.”

The team of volunteers included ACC staff and interns, as well as friends of the Center, like 83-year-old Blaise Johnson, who made sure the players and volunteers stayed hydrated throughout the day. “I really enjoy helping out with the tournament,” said Johnson. “This event isn’t just about the golf ... it’s also about the children of the Anne Carlsen Center, and everyone is here to make a contribution.”

The team of Deb Orr, Rod Orr, Bob Romsdahl and Sam Sand—sponsored by Sysco Food Services of North Dakota—won the tournament’s scratch division. The team of Ross Stark, Janet Stark, Ryan Stark and Chelsey Stark—sponsored by Wells Fargo—won the tournament’s handicap division.

The next ACC Benefit Golf Tournament will be held June 5, 2010 at Jamestown Country Club. Watch for more details at www.annecenter.org.

Thank You!

What wonderful news to learn that “Back-to-School Matching Challenge Chaplain’s Fund” gifts flowed in from donors across the country! The gifts met, and even exceeded, the matching challenge of \$30,000 ... with the ACC receiving, in total, more than \$61,000.

While I certainly think spiritual care is important at the Anne Carlsen Center, it is very heartwarming and encouraging to know that many others do, too. Thank you so very much for your support of our Chaplaincy Care program, and “Thanks be to GOD” for you!

GOD keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor JoAnne Moeller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor JoAnne Moeller
ACC Chaplain