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25th Annual Partners In Education Golf Tournament

Griffin, GA – The Griffin-Spalding Partners in Education (PIE) raised over $20,000 during its 25th annual golf tournament to benefit the teachers and students of the Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS). Thirty-six teams played in the tournament held at the City Park Golf Course on Friday, September 25.

Proceeds from the tournament are used to fund classroom grants, field trip grants and teacher tuition reimbursement scholarships.

This year's first place team was Thomaston Milk Company; the second-place team was Team Jimbo; and the third-place team was Waller & Son.

GSCS Executive Director of Communications and Partnerships Adam Pugh said, "Saturday was a perfect day for golf. We are thankful for the 144 golfers who participated in a fun event that raised funds for a great cause. We are thankful to all of the wonderful sponsors, volunteers and community partners in education that help make this event a success and, in turn, provide experiences for the students in Griffin-Spalding."

For the 25th year in a row, PBK was the Tournament Sponsor. The Scoreboard Sponsor was Chick-Fil-A of Griffin. Hole-in-One Sponsors included A, H & P Consulting Engineers, Cronic Automotive Group (who provided a new truck that could be won by hitting a hole-in-one), MEJA Construction and Norcom Inc.

Birdie Sponsors were: A Christian Plumber, Brightmoor, City Church, Coca-Cola Bottling, Dairy Queen, Exchange Club of Griffin, First Baptist Church, First National Bank, HE Hodge, Georgia Banking Co., Lighthouse Communications, Marcos Pizza, Marukan Vinegar, McLeRoy Realty, P.B.S Realty, PCS, Petro South, Robinett Consulting, SRS Inc., Surelock Technology, United Bank & Willett Engineering

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In addition to the major sponsors, those that had golf teams were: Borden Dairy, First Baptist Church, Futral Road Elementary, Rehoboth Road Middle & Carver Road Middle Team, Futral Road PTO, Jackson Road Elementary, Jimbo Team, Kennedy Road Middle, P.B.S. Realty, Robinett Consulting, Spalding County Farm Bureau, Thomaston Milk Company, Waller & Son and Wellstar Spalding Regional

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We would also like to thank GSCS Maintenance Department, Hill's Tire, Ingles, Peach State Golf and PIE board members and for their contributions.

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About Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education

Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education is a 501©3 school-business partnership organization. It was founded in 1982 with the mission of improving the quality of education for students in the Griffin-Spalding County School System. For more information about PIE, visit www.gspie.org.