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## TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN'S LEARN TO GOLF PROGRAM RECEIVES GROWTH OF THE GAME GRANT FROM THE PGA OF AMERICA

*Dallas-Based Pediatric Orthopedic Hospital Offers Educational And Instructional Golf Programs For Children With Physical Challenges; Growth Of The Game Grants Program Renews \$228,516 In Grants To 35 Programs*

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The eighth cycle of 35 PGA Growth of the Game grants totaling \$228,516 has been awarded from The PGA of America's Growth of the Game Grant program. *Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children's (TSRHC) Learn to Golf Program*, received a \$2,800 grant for their golf program, which offers golf instruction and education to TSRHC patients and also provides golf and allied health care professionals with the appropriate tools to help individuals with disabilities reap the rehabilitative benefits of the game of golf. The PGA Growth of the Game Grant Programs touches 19 states and involves juniors, inner-city young adults, college students, the physically challenged and veterans. The program highlights The PGA of America's commitment to partner with its PGA Professionals to grow participation in golf.

These funds combined with grants awarded from 2001 through this month bring the total donation from The PGA Growth of the Game Grant Program to more than \$4.8 million for a combined 447 grants.

The PGA Growth of the Game grants touch virtually every level of society and individuals of all abilities – from programs for U.S. troops and their families; the physically challenged, Latin Americans, seniors, women, Golf In Schools, Police Athletic League, collegiate-based Golf: For Business & Life programs and junior programs.

“Now in its eighth cycle, The PGA's Growth of the Game grants serves a wide spectrum of our society,” said PGA of America President Brian Whitcomb. “This program continues to be an inspiration for PGA Professionals in achieving an invaluable connection with many within their respective communities. These grants enable PGA Professionals to maintain golf programs and add much to the enjoyment of a game that otherwise may not have been possible for so many.”

The PGA Growth of the Game Program is one of a number of initiatives administered by The PGA of America through its PGA Foundation, which was established in 1954 as the Association's charitable arm to provide resources and professional expertise to make golf more accessible to all segments of the population. The PGA Foundation receives donations from PGA members and apprentices, families of PGA members, philanthropists and individuals to further its philanthropic goals.

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For more on The PGA Growth of the Game grant program, the PGA Legacy Society and the PGA Planned Giving Program, visit [www.pgafoundation.com](http://www.pgafoundation.com), or contact 1-888-532-6662.

The PGA of America is the world's largest working sports organization comprised of 28,000 men and women golf Professionals who are the recognized experts in growing, teaching and managing the game of golf while serving millions of people throughout its 41 PGA Sections nationwide. Since its founding in 1916, The PGA of America has enhanced its leadership position in a \$62 billion-a-year industry by growing the game of golf through its premier spectator events, world-class education and training programs, significant philanthropic outreach initiatives, and award-winning golf promotions. Today's PGA Professional is the public's link to the game, serving an essential role in the operation of golf facilities throughout the country.

**TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN'S LEARN TO GOLF PROGRAM**

Location: Dallas, Texas  
PGA Section: Northern Texas  
PGA Professional: Leah Berst  
Program Director: Dana Dempsey  
Grant Amount: \$2,800

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. There is no charge to patient families for treatment at the hospital, and admission is open to Texas children from birth to 18 years of age. TSRHC's Learn to Golf program provides the tools and instruction needed for its patients to participate in and reap the rehabilitative benefits of golf. There is no charge for patients to participate. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call (214) 559-5000 or (800) 421-1121 or visit [www.tsrhc.org](http://www.tsrhc.org).

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