

## Foundation's Golf Tournament Raises Funds To Help Hurting And Grieving Children



*Volunteer Committee members, from left, back row: Gordon Hannah, Meg Rogers, Dr. Michelle Narson, Dr. David Kassay, Tom Whittington; from left, front row: Jack and Ginny Luther, Sue Whittington. Not pictured: Michael Abramowitz, Richard Harrell and Doreen Poreba*

The Lt. Robert "Bart" Fletcher Memorial Foundation held its inaugural golf tournament on May 21 at PGA Village in St. Lucie and raised \$18,000 to help heal the hearts of hurting children. The proceeds will be donated to grief counseling camps, weekend and summer camp retreats and other charities that offer social and emotional support to parents and teachers and to organizations that help children through the healing process.

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The event, which was co-presented by PGA Golf Club and sponsored by the Frances Langford Foundation, also commemorated the life of Ginny and Jack Luther's son, Bart Fletcher, who was tragically murdered in 2008 by a fellow soldier after returning from service in Iraq.

"We can't bring Bart back but we can honor his memory by helping kids who need emotional support," said Foundation Co-founder Ginny Luther.

Terri Parker, an investigative reporter with WPPBF, emceed the luncheon that followed the tournament. She introduced the Luthers, who presented Operation Hug-A-Hero® Executive Director Lisa Berg with a \$5,000 check. Operation Hug-A-Hero provides free Hug-A-Hero dolls to help comfort the children of American heroes working valiantly in support of the nation's homeland security.

"The Luther family and the entire Lt. Robert Fletcher Memorial Foundation are phenomenal and so giving," said Berg. "It was a superb event with so much support and so much heart and soul put into it. I learned a lot about Bart and his family and feel honored to have been the first nonprofit the foundation supported. Because of their help, many little 'heroes' will feel closer to their parents."

Committee members Gordon Hannah, Dr. Michelle Nanson, Dr. David Kassay, Sue and Tom Whittington, Meg Rogers, Michael Abramowitz, Richard Harrell and Doreen Poreba volunteered their time and talents in assisting the Luthers with this year's tournament and have already begun planning next year's event.

"We could not have pulled off this event without the help of the volunteers who helped us for the past year as well as those who assisted on the day of the event," said Jack Luther. "We are grateful to them and to all who have supported our foundation through this tournament and other donations."

Fifty-two golfers participated. The golf tournament's winning team was "Hannah's Heroes," comprised of Gordon and Linda Hannah, Dave Fell and Nic Johnson with a low score of 55 on a par 72 course. The longest drive winners were Irene Griffith and Kevin Kinel and the closest to the pin winners were Meg Rogers, Dave Fell and Kevin MacDonald.

The "bride sponsors" were: Jeffrey A. Smith Law Group, P.A., the Hendel Family and Turtle River Montessori. The prize sponsor was Cleanpools. The range sponsors were Dr.

Associates of the Treasure Coast and FPL. The hole sponsors were American Legion Post 126, Aycock Funeral Home, Camp Starlight, Camp Weequahic, Capt. James A. Darlson USAF, Champion Home Health Care, Children and Families Inc., The Mack Family, Christian Petric, David Nehme, M.D., PA, Manatee Pocket Yacht Sales, Media Stage, Nanson Kassay Chiropractic PA, New England Fish Market,



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Operation Wish Well, Peaceful Parenting, RossDa Insurance Consulting & Planning, The Love Docto Charities, and [www.funisandvegiespower.com](http://www.funisandvegiespower.com). Carl Buick GMC sponsored an automobile hole in or competition.

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*Steve Walters, Mike Waninger, Dan Flynn, Lyle Kopp*



*John Wich, Rob Romano, Mike Miller, R.J. Costello*



*Kristine Eid, Anna King, Rabe Cogsil, Dr. Michelle Narso*



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The Lt. Robert Fletcher Memorial Foundation Inc., founded in April 2010, is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable foundation and is driven 100 percent by volunteers. Support from this foundation is intended, but not limited to, the following organizations that help heal hurting hearts of children and teens: Grief counseling camps, weekend/summer camp retreats, Children & Families Inc., Operation Hug-A-Hero, and the Foundation for Achieving



U.S. Army team members: SSG Jack Main, Mark Clayton,

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