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Seventh annual Golf Fore Kids benefit tournament scheduled for four courses Dec. 8

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The holiday season is for giving and the seventh annual Golf Fore Kids four-player scramble scheduled at four courses Dec. 8 is expected to be bigger than ever.

Slated for play at Falcon Ridge, Conestoga, The Palms and the Oasis Canyons golf courses, the tournament to benefit underprivileged children and their families has expanded in its seventh year.

Originally started by Falcon Ridge General Manager Brian Wursten and his brother, Rob; along with Mesquite businessman Geno Withelder, the tournament raised about \$50,000 in cash and gifts in the 2010 event.

Rob Wursten was a key element in a similar tournament in Phoenix about a decade ago. When he came to Mesquite, he revived the idea for the area about 80 miles north of Las Vegas.

Since the first event, the tournament has grown each year.

The courses and the food are donated along with the help and the time.

“The beauty of this tournament is that everything is donated,” said Withelder, a local city councilman who has lived in Mesquite for more than nine years. “There are absolutely no expenses incurred with the event so everything goes back to the charity and especially the kids.”



Withelder said the need for underprivileged families has increased dramatically in the past two years. He said while the unemployment rate has stabilized, the problem of needy families has risen appreciably.

Last year's event drew 374 participants and tournament officials expect the 2011 event to top that figure by at least 50 added entries. In fact, scheduled for Mesquite during the same

time frame is a gathering of many of the nation's top golf writers; some of whom are expected to play in the tournament.

Withelder lauded the arrival of the golf writers adding that the gathering could generate invaluable elements of public relations for Mesquite, which is showing signs of climbing out of the worst recession in the state's history. The



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continued success of the Golf 4 Kids tournament not only provides help for the needy but also illustrates the city's genuine concern to help others.

"The biggest help we have received over the years is Mesquite Gaming," added Withelder. "Their people have provided everything from the silverware to the golf course and the luncheon facility not to mention the sound system. It goes on and on."

The gifts include a wide variety of both toys and education-related items. In fact, the 2010 tournament produced 116 bicycles for needy youngsters.

The first-ever contributor for the Mesquite event was Legacy Construction, which formerly owned Falcon Ridge Golf Course. Legacy is still involved providing some of the tee prizes and gifts.

Further information can be found by calling Rob Wursten at 702-346-6363.

CAPTION: The 2010 Golf Fore Kids tournament generated 116 bicycles for needy children in 2010. The 2011 event set for Dec. 8 has expanded to include four courses and an even bigger field.