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**Nine Area Golf Courses Launch “Golf Fore Change”  
- United Way of Bruce Grey Mobilizes Golfers for Good Cause -**

**Friday, Dec 18, 2015:** The shortest days of the year have golfers in our area dreaming about the long, sunny days of summer, thanks to many golf course operators and the United Way of Bruce Grey.

Nine golf courses announced today that they will participate in “**Golf Fore Change**”, taking place June 20-26, 2016, a fundraising initiative for golfers to raise money for the most vulnerable in our community. The announcement was made today at Sauble Golf & Country Club in Hepworth.

Wiarion Willie, no stranger to weather patterns in winter or summer, kicked off the fundraising drive with practice putts on the green at Sauble's 18th-hole.

The United Way is reaching out to the 30 plus golf course operators in Grey and Bruce Counties to participate. It wants players of all ages and skill levels to get out and play for the United Way by collecting pledges from friends, family, neighbours and co-workers, while having fun on the links. Participating golf courses will let golfing guests play all day for a single green fee.

To date, golf courses that have confirmed participation are

- Chippewa Golf Club (Southampton)
- Cobble Beach Golf Links (Kemble)
- Cornerstone Golf Club (Tobermory)
- The Links at Piper’s Glen Golf Club (Port Elgin)
- Markdale Golf and Curling Club (Markdale)
- Mount Forest Golf Club (Mount Forest)
- Pike Lake Golf Centre (Clifford)
- Sauble Golf & Country Club (Hepworth)
- Scenic City Golf Course (Owen Sound)

Money raised will stay in the community to help fund United Way programs such as the annual Backpack Program for school children, and the Financial Literacy and Utility Assistance Programs, as well as service agencies throughout the two counties the United Way supports financially.

Stan Didzbalis, United Way board member and event committee chair for “**Golf Fore Change**”, said the United Way piloted the concept in 2015 and plans to make it a mainstay on the golf calendar each summer.

"The wonderful thing about “**Golf Fore Change**” is that golfers and individual courses can be imaginative. You may want to golf as many holes to match your age in one day; develop a foursome at work sponsored by company employees; get high school golf teams to stage marathons; play relay golf; introduce children to the game and social responsibility; and create innovative events for men's or ladies leagues. The possibilities are endless," said Didzbalis.

The United Way of Bruce Grey also welcomes corporate sponsors who want to connect with the area's large population of golfers, to help defray marketing costs and to offer prizes for participating golfers.

Golfers, course operators and sponsors can contact Susan Hewitson, Fundraising Coordinator, for more information at [fundraising@unitedwaybg.com](mailto:fundraising@unitedwaybg.com) or by calling (519) 376-1560. Information updates will also be regularly provided at [greybrucegolf.com](http://greybrucegolf.com), the online source for golf in the area. Register today to get your Pledge Sheet.

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