

Media Release

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Golfers support programs *FORE!* local domestic violence victims

OMAHA, Neb. — 96 area golfers helped *putt* an end to domestic violence and sexual assault by raising \$32,220 at the 25th Anniversary Safe Haven Golf Tournament on Monday, September 10 at Oak Hills Country Club.

In addition to receiving lunch, dinner, and drink tickets, golfers were also able to participate in several games and activities throughout the course. Participants had the chance to get a “Hole in One” and win a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu from Beardmore Chevrolet-Subaru and pay \$10 on the 16th hole as part of the “Football Toss.” On the second hole, golfers were able to tee off in high heels for the “Putt Yourself in Their Shoes” Challenge.

The Equitable Bank team of Erol Kinkaid, Ross Friche, Travis Payne, and Jeff Niebaum took first place in First Flight. The Werner Enterprises team of Matt Parry, Chad Nelson, Andy Damkroger, and Dylan Casey finished second in First Flight. Former Husker football player Brenden Stai spoke before the shotgun start and posed with teams for photos during the tournament.

All funds will support the Heartland Family Service (HFS) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault programs, including the Safe Haven concealed emergency shelter to protect women, men, and children escaping violence. The demand for these services has never been greater. In 2017, Heartland Family Service provided care to more than 1,700 women, men, and children in the Omaha metro area, but also were forced to turn away nearly 1,500 individuals in need due to capacity and limited funds.

ABOUT HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICE

Since 1875, Heartland Family Service has responded to the needs of our area’s most vulnerable children and families. Each year, the agency’s 50 programs serve more than 52,000 individuals of all ages — from infants in our Family Works program to seniors in our Generations Center — from more than 15 locations in east central Nebraska and southwest Iowa. We provide critical human services to the individuals and families who ultimately shape the future of our community through the following program areas: Child & Family Well-Being, Counseling & Prevention, and Housing, Safety, & Financial Stability.



HFS President & CEO John Jeanetta, Brenden Stai, Sarah Dighans, and Chief Development Officer Marzia Puccioni Shields pose for a photo before the tournament.

When life improves for one of us, life improves for all of us.

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