

# Take a swing for charity

## 9 golf tournaments will benefit players' favorite causes

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Some 45 area non-profit organizations registered with Network Williamsburg will benefit from a series of monthly golf tournaments designed to raise money and awareness for their causes.

Those interested in playing golf can sign up to play at the Tradition Golf Club at Stonehouse for a discounted rate during tournament days. \$15 of the \$55 registration fee will go to the charity they choose.

Businesses, individuals and the charities are encouraged to get teams to play. Those who play in multiple tournaments will get the chance to accrue points toward winning a six-month free membership at the club.

"This is a great opportunity to give to a non-profit of your choice," said Karen Dutro, executive director. "The key is that players can pick which charity they want to play for. I think the potential is huge to raise awareness about these non-profits and to have fun doing it."

The tournaments can help during the economic downturn when donations are down.

"A lot of the non-profits are facing more needs for services and people are seeing a decrease in funds. I think every little bit helps."

Steve Ewell, director of group sales at the golf club said the idea is beneficial for players and the non-

### NETWORK WILLIAMSBURG NON-PROFITS

Play golf at "Swing for Your Cause" tournaments scheduled for noon, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18, Aug. 8, Sept. 26, Oct. 17 and Nov. 14. Players can choose any of the following non-profits to benefit.

Alpha & Omega Sports	American Red Cross
Arthritis Foundation	The Arc of Greater Williamsburg
Avalon	Bay Aging
Beyond Boobs	Blooms that Brighten
Care Net Pregnancy Center	CDR
Colonial CASA	Dream Catchers
Eastern State Hospital	Federation of the Blind (local chapter)
GWVOAD	Greenwood Christian Academy
Grove Christian Outreach	The Hat Trader
Heritage Humane	Historic Triangle Senior Center
Housing Partnerships	JCC Parks & Rec youth services
Jamestown 4-H	Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Lackey Free Clinic	Malachi House
Olde Towne Medical Center	Operation Homefront
PASHN	Wilkinson Family YMCA
Respite Care	Vibrant Life Ministries
Virginia Chorale	Virginia Legacy Soccer Club
Virginia Living Museum	Virginia Premiere Theatre
AIDS Network	W-JCC Community Action Agency
Faith in Action	Alliance for Mentally Ill
Climate Action Network	Williamsburg Charity Group
York County Community Services	

profits.

"It's really a win-win for everybody," Ewell said. "We all want to do something for those who are less fortunate. Those who participate will get a great round of golf and at the same time will help take care of the non-profits."

Besides raising funds for the groups, Dutro hopes the tournaments

will spark conversation about the various organizations and provide more opportunities for the non-profits to collaborate.

"It is the working together that is the key part," she said. "Everyone needs to work together and collaborate where we can."

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