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Renowned LPGA Tour co-founder Shirley Spork presents check to the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of the Coachella Valley program

Palm Desert, California (July 21, 2016) - Last Friday, July 15 Shirley Spork, who is one of the founders of the LPGA tour for professional ladies' golfers presented a check to LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Coachella Valley, which is one of the offerings at The First Tee® of the Coachella Valley (TFTCV).



Shirley was born in Detroit Michigan and lives in Palm Desert, and has taught and given speeches to the girls at The First Tee Coachella Valley program in previous years. She has played on the LPGA tour and then began a career as a teaching professional.

The money was raised thanks to a pro-am tournament held in April at the beautiful Palm Valley Country Club in Palm Desert. Funds were raised for two organizations, the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Coachella Valley and Eastern Michigan Women's Golf Program.

Both the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Coachella Valley and The First Tee® of the Coachella Valley provide golf to local area youth, but these programs go beyond the physical – they also instill values such as self-esteem and confidence.

Palm Valley Country Club is a big supporter of The First Tee® of the Coachella Valley and the programs offered in conjunction with it, and they have hosted classes for the 12 and older girls, in addition to sessions for the younger sister girls for which Desert Recreation Foundation, Desert Recreation District, and The First Tee Coachella Valley are all appreciative.

The First Tee® of the Coachella Valley

The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation. Its mission is to impact the lives of children by providing learning facilities and educational programs to promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. The First Tee of the Coachella Valley has been offering golf programming to children since 2008. The First Tee of the Coachella Valley is a program offered through The Desert Recreation District and supported by the Desert Recreation Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that seeks to enhance, preserve, promote and expand the Coachella Valley's recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities through private and corporate support. The Foundation offers financial assistance to those who may otherwise be unable to participate.

The Desert Recreation District

The Desert Recreation District (DRD) provides quality recreation experiences to residents throughout the Greater Coachella Valley. DRD manages, maintains and assists in maintaining over 30 parks and recreation facilities; creates and delivers quality programs, services and classes; and, facilitates leisure opportunities through partnerships that encourage residents to engage in healthy lifestyles and wellness activities. DRD is funded through tax dollars, special assessments, grants and nominal charges assigned to select classes and events. Over the last year, DRD offered over 2,800 classes and programs and more than 200 special events.

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