

FREEDOM FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER 6|23

God Shines on Freedom for Youth Golf Tournament

A warm, sunny day greeted 160 golfers at the 17th Annual Freedom for Youth Ministries Golf Tournament on Monday, May 22nd, at Beaver Creek Golf Course in Grimes. Generous sponsorships, entry fees, and enthusiastic golfers raised approximately \$100,000— with funds still coming in — to empower youth across the state of Iowa.

Many organizations and individuals contributed generously to this year's event including title sponsor Foster Group (represented by Brittany Heard, below bottom center), Interstate Batteries, Voya Financial, Dr. Peterson with Capital Orthopaedics, Hoyng Insurance Group, Bratney Company, Raccoon Valley Partners (McDonald's), Ground Improvement Company, Sammons Retirement Solutions, Atlantic Bottling, Chick-fil-A

(University Ave.), Purcell Printing, Joe and Ann Gotto, and MMIT Business Solutions Group. Dozens of restaurants, vendors, and individuals donated cash, in-kind services, raffle items, and live-auction items.

"We were blessed with perfect weather, a great turnout, and a great amount of funds raised!" says Mark Nelson, Freedom for Youth Executive Director (below, top center). "Our friends really stepped up again this year, whether by golfing, sponsoring the event, or providing goods and services. We continue to be in awe of God's continuing provision for His ministry through our supporters."

The foursome of Mike Lock, Jason Bauer, Jason Schulte, and Anthony Nieuwsma (below, left) won first place in the first flight with a score of 13 under par.

Save the date for 18th Freedom for Youth Golf Tournament, scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024! If you'd like to budget for a sponsorship in 2024, contact Brian Patterson via email at bpatterson@freedomforyouth.org to learn about sponsorship levels available for your organization.



Spring-to-Summer Transition Brings More Promise for Transformation

Another school year has come to a close and Freedom for Youth Ministries is celebrating transformation and growth. Our programs are full (we've had to start a waiting list!) and students are diving into God's word and giving their lives to Jesus. At our weekly staff meeting, we regularly raise up praises to God for the students who are reading their Bibles, asking great questions, and committing to a relationship with Jesus.



After a short break, the summer program season kicked off with Freedom Fest on June 9th, welcoming students back to campus and signing them up for a summer full of program activities on campus and field trips. Program activities will run through August 10.



Please keep our effort to build a Children's Center in your prayers. The budget for the Center has grown to \$3 million as a result of new municipal building requirements, changing Ministry needs, and inflation. Donors like you have committed \$900,000, and our contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers have committed to \$600,000 in additional savings. To make the Children's Center become a reality, the \$1.5 million gap will come from private donors, including individuals, corporations, churches, and foundations. Please prayerfully consider supporting this impactful ministry!

Are You Being Called to Volunteer?

If you're interested in volunteering at Freedom Quest outreach events this summer or at our Hickman Road campus this summer or fall, please visit our website at freedomforyouth.org/volunteer, or contact Troy VandeLune, Volunteer and Network Senior Manager, at tvandelune@freedomforyouth.org or call 515-282-4822.



Mark your calendars for Monday, September 18th for the Freedom for Youth Ministries 20th Anniversary Banquet & Celebration. Why not consider purchasing a table for your small group this year?

Invite the Freedom Blend Trailer to YOUR Next Event

We'll load up the Freedom Blend Trailer with coffee selections and the friendly faces you've come to expect when you visit Freedom Blend Coffee. It's perfect for wedding receptions, birthday parties, graduation parties, neighborhood block parties, retirement parties, community events, or other gatherings. The Freedom Blend Trailer and staff can serve non-alcoholic hot and cold drinks. We'll even create two custom drinks just for your event!

Hosted and non-hosted options are available for a minimum of three hours (additional charges apply for longer engagements). Tell us about your event in an email to info@freedomblendcoffee.com and we'll follow up to make sure we get all the details!

