

Legacy of Impact *Gala*

**30 years Empowering Youth
20 years of Building Game Changers.**

A tribute to decades of making a difference in
the lives of young people across our communities.

Friday, November 7, 2025

Riverfront Events • Wilmington, DE • 7PM – 11PM

Exclusive VIP Pre-Reception | 6–7 PM

Mix and mingle with our keynote speakers and distinguished
guests in an intimate fireside setting – reserved exclusively
for our top four sponsorship levels.



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From our beginnings in 1995 as the LPGA Urban Youth Golf Program Association to joining the First Tee national network in 2005, First Tee – Delaware now reaches over 32,000 kids and teens annually—in schools, community centers, and on golf courses.

It's more than golf.

It's about creating safe, supportive & inclusive environments where kids gain confidence, resilience, and cultivate a sense of belonging within our communities.

We estimate that over 1,000 of our alumni have become influential community members and business leaders, making a positive impact for all of us.



We are Building Game Changers!

Meet the Changemakers Joining Us for a Night of Impact



Honoray Chairpersons: Bill & Dr. Kim Allen

Former Board Members and recipients of the 2023 First Tee National Tim Finchem Leadership Award. The Allens operate "A Friend of the Family," a transitional school program, located in multiple states. Together, they have raised more than \$200,000 in financial support, made important introductions on behalf of the chapter, bringing its current board chair, business leaders and standout participants into the fold.



Keynote Speaker: Jimmie James

Born to a single mother of eight in rural Texas. Jimmie was the first in his family to graduate high school and earn a college degree. After a distinguished 33-year career with Exxon Mobil, he embarked on a goal to play the top 100 US Golf Courses in a single year and succeeded! His inspiring book, "Playing from the Rough," reflects on his journey from childhood adversity to professional achievement, highlighting how perseverance, integrity, and a love for golf can bring people together and change lives.



Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Erica James

Dr. Erika H. James is the current Dean of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the first woman and first person of color to hold this position in Wharton's 139-year history.

Additional distinguished guest and speakers:

Joe DeCamara, Emcee – WIP Sports Radio Host

Mike Quick – Sports Commentator & retired NFL wide receiver of the Philadelphia Eagles

Additional local leaders and influencers in our communities!

Don't miss your chance to be part of something "Game Changing" with our Sponsor Opportunities:

The following four sponsorship levels provide exclusive **VIP Pre-Reception Access | 6-7 PM** Mix and mingle with our keynote speakers and distinguished guests..



Title Sponsor – \$50,000

You are now providing 25 families, in-need, access to our on-course programs at no cost—giving kids a safe, positive space to grow.

- Premium seating for 16 guests (2 front-row tables)
- VIP Pre-Reception with keynote speakers & special guests
- Featured signage at all 2026 On-Course Program sites
- Full-page opening Ad in the Gala Program
- Prominent logo placement on our website throughout 2026



Principal Sponsor – \$10,000

Expansion of our Caddie Training program is essential to teaching discipline, leadership, and confidence.

- One table for 8 guests
- Half-page Gala Program Ad
- Website recognition throughout 2026



Elite Sponsor – \$30,000

This sponsorship will help 5 schools launch First Tee programs—bringing our life skills curriculum into Physical Education Classes.

- One premier table for 8 guests
- VIP Pre-Reception access
- Full-page Ad on the back pages of the Gala Program
- Logo featured on our website throughout 2026



Supporting Sponsor – \$5,000

Bringing new families together through free Family Fun Days—supports building trust, connection, and community.

- Seating for 4 guests
- Half-page Gala Program Ad



Premier Sponsor – \$20,000

A sponsorship like this, will allow 3 community centers offer First Tee programs — giving more kids the chance to thrive.

- One table for 8 guests
- VIP Pre-Reception access
- Full-page Ad in the middle of the Gala Program
- Website logo placement throughout 2026



Contributing Sponsor – \$2,500

One Swing at a Time, you're helping, our coaches and mentors develop resilience & perseverance for each child in our program.

- Seating for 4 guests
- Quarter-page Gala Program Ad
- Website recognition through 2026



Executive Sponsor – \$15,000

You're providing two teens the opportunity to attend a regional or national conference — opening doors to leadership and growth.

- One table for 8 guests
- VIP Pre-Reception access
- Full-page Ad in the Gala Program



Individual Attendee – \$250

Join us for an inspiring night as we guide our youth to be future leaders – truly Building Game Changers!

- Seating for 1 guest
- Recognition in Gala Program



Program of Events

6:00 PM	VIP Terrace Reception (invitation only guests) Fireside Atmosphere Under Tent • Light Faire • Open Bar
7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour (All guests) Passed Hors d'Oeuvres • Open Bar
7:45 PM	Guests Seated • Opening Remarks • Video Presentation
8:00 PM	Served Dinner (several menu choices)
8:45 PM	Introductions • Honoree Recognition • Auction
9:15 PM	Dessert • Coffee Bar
9:30 PM	Dancing • Mingling
10:30 PM	Final Toast • Bars Close
11:00 PM	Event Concludes

Easy Ways to Get Started

Online:	FTDEGala.givesmart.com
Text:	FTDEGala to 76278
Scan:	QR Code
Email:	businessmanagertftde@gmail.com



Hotel Reservations



A block of rooms has been secured at the Hyatt Place, Wilmington Riverfront. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at **888-591-1234** and mention **First Tee Block**. You can also reserve your room(s) online at: **hyattplace.com** and use code: **G-FTDP**.