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2026 Annual Appeal



Help us Build Delaware's Next Generation of Leaders!

"The program didn't just teach me how to swing, chip, and putt, it taught me how to live. I learned what it meant to be safe, fast, and courteous, not just on the course, but in life."

Julia Swankoski, First Tee – Delaware Alumna,
Sales & Marketing Director, Medical Device Company

Julia is why we say this isn't just a golf program. Golf allows us to coach, mentor, and educate. The real benefit is building the confidence, perseverance, and resilience that tomorrow's leaders need to thrive, strengthen communities, and inspire them to be the next generation of Game Changers.

Everyone has a stake in this!

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Our needs are quickly outgrowing our funding!

Since 2019, the number of participants we reach has grown from 19,000 to 34,000, **a 79% increase**.

Schools and communities keep asking for **more**, and we keep saying **YES**!

Golf teaches a swing. First Tee teaches life!

- **100%** of participants use First Tee Life Skills at school, home, and beyond!
- **82%** of participants have better social & academic skills!
- **9 in 10** parents consider coaches their children's unsung hero!



We rely on commitments like yours!

Every gift brings us closer to our goal of reaching the families, schools, and community centers who couldn't otherwise be part of our programs.

Your investment helps teenagers grow into confident young adults, who come back years later with children of their own.

Without partners like you, we risk stalling the growth we've worked so hard to build, just when our region **needs us most!**

Make your gift by December 31, 2026



The Impact Your Gift Will Make!

- **$250 gives** one child eight classes to learn, grow, and belong.
- **$500 provides** a full-year scholarship at one On-Course Program location.
- **$1,000 funds** mentorship training for 20 coaches who provide positive role model experiences.
- **$5,000 equips** one school, community, or on-course program with a full bag of equipment and trained coaches.
- **$10,000 secures** a full year of life skills and mentoring programming for multiple locations, helping build Delaware's next generation of leaders.

Put your name and/or company's name behind the next generation of Leaders and Game Changers!

This year, we're asking you to help us raise $50,000 or more by December 31, 2026!

Make a One-Time or Recurring Gift: Help close this year's funding gap and position First Tee – Delaware for a strong start to 2027.

Commit to a Sponsorship: Recognition across our programs and events.

Consider a Tax Advantage Option: Stock or Cryptocurrency Gift, Donor Advised Fund Grant (DAF), Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's), or Legacy Giving.

We Make Giving Easy!

Ways-to-Give

- **Scan the QR Code:**
- **Online: firstteedelaware.org/waystogive/**
- **Check: Payable to: First Tee – Delaware**
  PO Box 419 Rockland, DE 19732



Need an invoice, W-9, or nonprofit confirmation letter?
Contact Leslie McGuigan,
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Looking to do more?

Bob Norris, Executive Director, will build a custom sponsorship or employee engagement package to fit your goals. Contact Bob at:
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Not the right time to give? Join us another way!

Coach or Mentor: No golf experience needed, just a love for kids.
Join an Event: Attend, sponsor, or volunteer. See our Events page.
Spread the Word: Follow and share. It costs nothing and helps a lot.

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