

## Place of Hope Golf Invitational Continues Reputation for Excellence and Charity



More than 80 golfers, including HBO's Real Sports/media personality Bryant Gumbel, GT Nicklaus, and John Havlicek, took to the greens of the Old Palm Golf Club on March 4 to benefit children in need. At the 2013 Place of Hope Golf Invitational and Charity Dinner, players and donors continued to lend their energy, talent and friendship to a child welfare organization that now extends from Palm Beach Gardens to Boca Raton.

One of the organization's largest fundraisers, The Golf Invitational & Charity Dinner welcomed Place of Hope supporters from across the country to raise operating funds for programs, housing, services and outreach. Based in Palm Beach Gardens, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. Presenting Sponsors Chuck and JB Wall made it possible for 100 percent of the proceeds to benefit the children.

At the Charity Dinner on March 3, Debbie Butler of Palm Beach Gardens accepted the **Pande Family Award** on behalf of her and her late husband, Abbey J. Butler – both of whom have mentored and guided Place of Hope youth for more than eight years. The Pande Family Award recognizes a long-standing dedication to turning around the lives of abused and neglected children.

"The Butlers' work has translated into young men and women knowing that people truly care about their well-being, education and future, just as parents would," said Executive Director Charles Bender. "Setting an example for responsibility and love takes a real dedication to showing up and truly being there for these children, and it is not a commitment that Debbie and Abbey took lightly. The Place of Hope family appreciates their wonderful work."

The next Place of Hope event will be its 2013 Hope Bash -- "Jeans & Jewels: Palm Beach Nights," scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 3, 2013, at PGA National Resort & Spa, 400 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418. Tickets are \$300 per person. Hope Bash Co-Chairs are Nicole Henry and Elin Nordegren of Jupiter. The evening will feature dinner, dancing, silent auction, special entertainment and "Bid from the Heart." For more information, please contact Sarah Livoti at Place of Hope, 561-775-7195.

Place of Hope is located at 9078 Isaiah Lane in Palm Beach Gardens. For more information, please call 561-775-7195 or visit online at [www.placeofhope.com](http://www.placeofhope.com).

Pictured:

Bryant Gumbel, Dave Burke, Alex Gilmurray, John Havlicek