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Inaugural Classic Golf Tournament Marks a Hole in One for CCSE

Nearly 120 golfers took to the links on a cool and blustery Scottish-like morning to support a Catholic school education for all children - with and without disabilities. Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE) held our inaugural golf tournament to raise additional funds as we seek to meet the increasing demand from Catholic schools and families.

Thanks to all our friends, supporters and golfers, CCSE raised \$55,000 to expand our capacity to support more Catholic schools in Maryland and DC as they open their doors to students with disabilities and create inclusive classrooms.

As the *Believe in Me!* Classic Golf Tournament heated up, so did the day with blue skies and bright sunshine to warm our golfers and make for a cheery awards lunch at the Worthington Manor Golf Club, a nine time U.S. Open Qualifying Course.

Our tournament also drew some fine talent. Our awards for the day went to:

Longest Drive (men): Joe Shea

Longest Drive (women): Courtney Sullivan

Closest to the Pin: Jim Begg

Foursome 1st Place: Urgo (score of 54)

Foursome 2nd Place: Michael Wright & Colleagues (score of 60) Foursome 3rd Place: Chris Newkumet & Friends (score of 61)

The mission of the <u>Catholic Coalition for Special Education</u> is to ensure that children with special needs are able to attend and receive an appropriate education in their local Catholic elementary schools and high schools. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI "no child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." CCSE provides grants and technical assistance to help Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. and Maryland achieve this goal.

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