Golf benefit should be tee-rific

STATY WATERS

Golfers have yet to take a swing, but the first Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association Golf Classic looks like a success.

The event, which begins at 1 pm. Friday, has attracted a full complement of 228 golfers and thousands of dollars in contributions from individuals and companies.

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"It's been overwhelming," said Mary Kay Miles, an event organ-izer and Farmington Hills police crime prevention technician. "We had no idea it would be this well

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Event organizers planned the outing as a way of raising money to help the widows and orphans of decreased Hills police officers. Two officers, Sgt. Bert Cook and Officer Gary Bradley, both died from cancer, leaving behind families. Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer had hoped the event would raise money to supplement death benefits.

Dwyer said in addition to the golfers, more than 70 people will attend the banquet that follows the event.

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Each golfer contributes \$150 to play 18 holes at the Links of Novi Golf Club. Several foursomes presenting companies and agencies also signed up.

In addition, six sponsors are playing as "platinum" by contributing \$2,500, 13 are "gold" sponsors, contributing \$1,000; and nine are "aliver" sponsors, contributing \$3,000.

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Dwyer said several individuals and companies also contributed money or services for the event. "I really didn't expect to be booked up our first year," Dwyer said.

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"Unbelievable," was how event
co-chairman John Ginopolis described the response. "He (Dwycr) really worked hard to make
sure this was a success."

Ginopolis, who has chaired a successful golf outing in June for the Children's Hospital of De-

trolt, asid even an event for a good cause has no guarantee of success.
"I could go to four or five of these things a week," he said.
"Not everyone can go to every event. So you've got to really work to get people to come. I've laid out what needed to be done. But they did the work."

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Ginopolis said the event could raise from \$35,000 to \$35,000 in its first year. Dwyer said the outing will be an annual event.
"The important thing is that it is a good time, so that people will come back," Ginopolis said.
Registration and lunch are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A shot-gun start is set for 1 p.m. and the dinner, suction and raffle are set for 6 p.m.
Free Press columnist Bob Tal-

for 6 p.m.

Free Press columnist Bob Talbert will auction donated Items including Grant Hill autographed baskethalls, Detroit Pistons tickets and other aporta items.

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