



Impact Report

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Ohio Girls Golf Foundation

Swinging Into the Season OGGF Spring Clinics

The Ohio Girls Golf Foundation's Spring Clinics teed off in April and May, offering high-quality instruction to 65 girls from across the state. Participants received professional instruction from PGA and LPGA professionals, covering every aspect of the game—from the fundamentals of the full swing to precision in the short game and putting.

A noteworthy highlight of this year's program: 50% of participants were new to the game. We love seeing so many new faces taking their first swings.

To continue fostering growth beyond the clinics, participants were invited to join the Ongoing Instruction Program, which offers private lessons with PGA and LPGA instructors throughout the year. These lessons, partially funded by the Foundation, ensure that players have the support and resources to develop their skills, build confidence, and advance in the game.



Your donations make it possible for beginners to discover golf, develop skills, and grow into confident players.

This season, the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation proudly welcomed five first-time golfers from Canton McKinley High School into the game during the Spring Clinics at Tannenhaut Golf Course in Alliance.

Their development didn't end there. To further support their progress, OGGF extended additional opportunities for skill building, including Golf Academies at Golf Galaxy in Canton and a follow-up Golf Academy back at Tannenhaut.

Now in their first-ever high school golf season, these players have transitioned from learning the fundamentals of grip and stance to confidently stepping onto the course for competition.

Their journey is a powerful example of how your donations help the OGGF create access, foster growth, and open the door to lifelong opportunities in the game of golf.

Beginner Spotlight



Players from Canton McKinley High School with Mary Suitca, PGA

How You Can Keep the Momentum Going?

Every smile, every swing, and every scholarship comes from the support of people like you. Whether you choose a one-time gift, a monthly pledge, or a named scholarship, your donation directly impacts the lives of girls across Ohio—helping them grow as golfers, students, and leaders.



Girls Golf Series Bring Your Mom to Golf Night

Golf, giggles, and a little bit of friendly competition—Bring Your Mom to Golf Night was a hit! Moms swapped the sidelines for the fairway, teaming up with their daughters for skills challenges and mini games at Fox Den Golf Course in Stow.

The Ohio Girls Golf Foundation, in collaboration with the Northern Ohio PGA Section Foundation and Morgan Stanley The Aurora Group, proudly hosted 30 participants during the second annual event which is timed perfectly to celebrate Mother's Day. This heartwarming event honored the incredible female mentors within the OGGF community.

Whether it was hitting a long drive or simply learning how to hold a club, the night was about connection, encouragement, and seeing golf as a game for everyone.



Your support keeps these events free so more families can make these priceless memories.

24th Annual OGGF High School Showcase

Record - Setting Score at this year's Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase

In a thrilling preview of girls' golf in Ohio, two standout athletes, Olivia Baker of St. Clairsville, and Gracyn Vidovic of Aurora, tied for first place with a record-setting score of 66 at the annual Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase on July 21 at Avon Oaks Country Club.

A senior at St. Clairsville High School, Baker carded eight birdies on the day, and Vidovic, who graduated from Aurora High School and will be playing golf for Ashland University this fall, had five birdies and one eagle, to tie with an impressive 6 under. The top team for the second year in a row was Magnificat High School, followed by Aurora High School and Southeast High School.

"We are a fun, educational tournament that serves as the unofficial start to the girl's high school golf season and have some girls who shoot below par and some who are just starting the game of golf, as we are here to grow the game and encourage all girls," says OGGF Executive Director Lynne Plaisance. "Girls' golf is growing, and we're proud to encourage, sponsor and support the game for the next generation of female golfers."

This year's showcase featured 15 high school teams, along with 18 girls playing as individuals from across the state. In addition to an 18-hole tournament, the girls also had an opportunity to hone their game, as the Foundation hosted LPGA Tour players, local PGA and LPGA professionals and golf industry leaders all in one location to share their expertise. Clinics included a rules seminar, short game techniques, and an on-course clinic led by tournament headliners LPGA tour professionals Barb Mucha and Janice Moodie exploring the importance of the mental process to the game.



OGGF Scholarship Recipients

Our scholarship program continues to be at the heart of what we do. This year, we awarded \$12,500 in college scholarships to 12 exceptional young women.

From future engineers to biomedical researchers, these scholars carry OGGF values into every arena of life. They are proof that golf doesn't just teach skills for the course—it shapes leaders for the future.

This year's scholarship program holds special significance with the introduction of two named scholarships, established to honor two Women's Golf Associations whose long-standing support has been instrumental to the Foundation's success. The new scholarships pay tribute to the **Cleveland Women's Golf Association (CWGA)** and the **Greater Cleveland Golf Association (GCGA)**, recognizing their lasting impact on the growth of girls' golf in Ohio.

Congratulations to this year's recipients: **Taylor Blazek** of Southeast High School (attending Gannon University); **Ava Furiga (Awarded GCGA Scholarship)** of Avon High School (attending The Ohio State University);



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Ashley Leavery of Theodore Roosevelt High School (attending The Ohio State University); **Kennedy Lewis (Awarded Mary Ann Bierman Scholarship)** of Southern Local High School (attending Youngstown State University); **Madison Maxwell (Awarded Barb Mucha Scholarship)** of Copley High School (attending John Carroll University); **Zoe Mort** of Marlinton High School (attending Ashland University); **Scout Nicholson (Awarded Patty Wood Memorial Scholarship)** of Hubbard High School (attending Youngstown State University); **Abigail Pantea** of Firestone CLC (attending Kent State University); **Ella Porter (Awarded Arrowsmith/Keim Scholarship)** of Versailles High School (attending Ohio Northern University); **Hannah Roush (Awarded Teen Burke Scholarship)** of Copley High School (attending The Ohio State University); **Gracyn Vidovic (Awarded Lynne Plaisance Scholarship)** of Aurora High School (attending Ashland University); **Kayla Weisenberger (Awarded CWGA Scholarship)** of North Olmsted High School (attending Hiram College).



Olivia Ritter (third from left) with Showcase Participants



Lexi Milford (third from left) with Showcase Participants

OGGF Alumni Giving Back in a Big Way

The OGGF Showcase isn't just about the current players—it's a reunion of sorts, too! This year we were thrilled to see so many OGGF alumni return to volunteer, coach, and cheer on the next generation.

A highlight of the day — OGGF alumna Lexi Milford returned as our special guest speaker. Lexi shared her journey from playing in the Showcase to competing at the collegiate level—and the lessons she learned along the way to her current position of Senior Director Program Technology and Support at First Tee. Her message to the girls: Golf is more than a game—it's a lifelong community.

Adding to the reunion spirit, alumni Olivia Ritter and Paighton Masterson also returned to lend their support—volunteering their time, sharing their experiences, and encouraging today's players to pursue their goals.

Moments like these illustrate the full-circle impact of the OGGF. The young golfers who once benefited from donor support are now leaders, mentors, and advocates, ensuring that the opportunities they received will continue for the players who follow in their footsteps.

Your Support Drives Her Game!

Girls' golf participation has grown 41% in the last five years according to the National Golf Foundation, and OGGF is helping lead that growth in Ohio. Every gift directly impacts girls' lives, helping them grow as golfers, students, and leaders. Join us today to keep the momentum going and ensure every girl has the opportunity to play, learn, and thrive.



New This Year

Middle School Mentorship Clinics

We're growing the game from the ground up! Our Middle School Mentorship Clinics launched this year, pairing middle school golfers with experienced high school players for guidance and inspiration.

This year, two clinics were hosted at Windmill Golf Center in Macedonia, bringing together 40 middle school and high school girls in an inspiring mentor-mentee format. The program pairs experienced high school players with middle school participants, fostering both skill development and confidence. In each clinic, mentees learn the fundamentals of full swing, short game, and putting, while mentors strengthen their leadership and teaching skills—creating a cycle of growth that benefits both age groups.

The season will culminate in an exciting Fall Fun Day, where the girls will put their skills to the test in a series of engaging challenges, including a Par 3 contest and other skill-based games designed to celebrate their progress.

A special highlight of the year was awarding our second set of golf clubs through the program—presented to a middle school golfer from Nordonia.

This gift ensures she can continue playing, practicing, and competing with equipment of her own, reinforcing OGGF's belief that financial barriers should never limit a young golfer's potential.

Through mentorship, skill development, and tangible support, the Middle School Mentorship Clinics are shaping confident, capable young athletes who are ready to carry the game forward.



Your donations fuel program growth, helping us reach even more golfers.

By the Numbers - OGGF's Impact in 2025 at a Glance



475+

PGA/LPGA Golf Lessons Provided



12.5K

Scholarship Dollars Awarded

32

Scholarship Applications Received



92

Girls Participated in the High School Showcase Preview

25

High school teams represented in the OGGF High School Showcase



80

Girls & Female Mentors who made lasting memories during Bring Your Mom to Golf Night over the past two years

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