

Dear Friends of First Tee – Sandhills,

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We've spent over fifteen years in the Sandhills empowering kids through a lifetime of new challenges and continuous personal growth. Together, we have been, and will continue to, build experiences that build character.

Writing to you last fall, I could not have envisioned how different my story would be a mere twelve months later.

Today, I can say with confidence that First Tee kids, teens and alum were undeniably prepared for adaptations, pivots and growth the disease moving across our globe forced them to make.

How can I make such a bold statement, you ask?

As part of our promise, we believe every young person deserves the chance to build inner strength before the world demands it and to have access to experiences where personal growth happens.

While none of us knew these days were coming, once they arrived, these kiddos were able to dig deep and face new challenges head-on.

Whether it was through the application of STAR – Stop, Think, Anticipate and Respond; the confidence to know what perseverance feels like and why it's worth the pursuit; or by establishing a Personal Par while adapting to remote learning.

Simply put, these kids rock! They are resilient and inspire us daily.

As a staff, this year brought us unique challenges and opportunities. We learned new ways to serve the future rock stars and game changers of our communities while growing both individually and as a youth development organization.

Our forward progress here continues into 2021.

In following the First Tee's good-better-how philosophy, we reflect on the past year to clear a path for whatever comes our way next.

We'll meet kids and teens at the golf course, engage in the game and participate in active learning opportunities led by caring mentors. Then, we will encourage them to apply each week's experience at home, school or in new environments and report back the following week.

Next year promises to deliver continuous learning, continuous application and continuous personal growth. All while having a ton of fun!

I hope you'll join me in supporting our work, our promise, our delivery and all of its impact by contributing to the 2020 Annual Fund Campaign. It's a solid investment in the youth of our community; one that will pay big dividends in the future.

Together, we are building game changers!

With sincere thanks,

Courtney Stiles
 Executive Director

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Thank you for partnering with us! Together, we are building experiences that build character in the kiddos of the Sandhills.