

**Press Release Draft**

**15th Annual Low Country Columbus HOPE**

**Golf Classic**

**April 18, 2016**

The Columbus HOPE Foundation in partnership with the Disabled and Special Needs Boards of Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties will host its 15th Annual Low Country Golf Classic on Monday, April 18, 2016 starting at 9:00am at the Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston. The proceeds from this event will be used to further our mission of helping individuals with Intellectual Disabilities to become productive members of society, increasing the self-reliance and dignity of our challenged citizens. With your help we can change the present and the future for these citizens. Registrations for sponsors and players as well as donations can be made at [www.ColumbusHOPE.org](http://www.ColumbusHOPE.org).

To accomplish our mission, the Columbus HOPE Foundation provides funds to nonprofit organizations that deliver services, tools and resources to train and support the transition of Intellectually Disabled people to independent and productive living. Since its inception in 1976 the Columbus HOPE Foundation has raised more than "7 Million Dollars" to assist South Carolina citizens with Intellectual Disabilities. Last year the Foundation raised \$419,862.00 statewide.

The Columbus HOPE Foundation Inc. is a South Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, sponsored and operated by volunteers from the Knights of Columbus. Fundraising events are planned and executed by all volunteer staff to maximize the allocation of funds to nonprofit service organizations for the Intellectually Disabled.

The success of this event will be credited to our players that participate in the event, and to our advertising partners and sponsors who lend their names and provide their financial support. Help us make this annual event a success by allowing the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester County Disability Board Directors and myself the Drive Chairman for the Columbus HOPE Foundation to talk on Channel 5 about the worthiness of the cause, the Columbus Hope Foundation and the 15th Annual Low Country Columbus HOPE Golf Classic fundraiser to be held on April 18, 2016.

If an appearance is not feasible please notify the public about this charity and this 15th Annual Low Country Golf Classic fundraiser event; and their ability to register as a donor, sponsor or player at [www.ColumbusHOPE.org](http://www.ColumbusHOPE.org).

With your help we hope to increase the support of sponsors, donors and players for this event. The event will be full of golf, awards, contests, silent auction, drinks, good food and a few surprises!

Please contact me if you need more information or have questions.

Thank you!

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