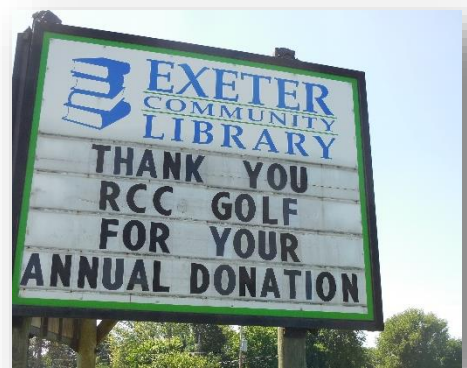




Mallory Hoffman (left), Executive Director of the Exeter Community Library, and Tom Morgan, Director of Golf at RCC, share a light moment during the presentation of RCC's \$1,600 donation to the library. The funds were raised in tournaments played at RCC in 2015. RCC golfers have contributed nearly \$8,000 to the library since 2010.



## Building a Strong Exeter Community

Not all history is old. That's why this issue of *The Golf Chronicles* is focusing on the present.

Specifically, the generosity of RCC golfers. Is there a better time of year to talk about generosity? I think not.

Since 2010, RCC golfers have contributed \$42,355 to support the local community. The money is raised through events such as the Exeter Cup (annual member-member tournament), Hack Away at Hunger tournament and the Jack-o-Lantern Classic. Golfers also contribute a share of their entry fees for playing in events such as the Byron Nelson Captain's Choice, the Duffer's Open, Firecracker Invitational, RCC-US Open and the Spring Fling Skins Game.

Since 2011, RCC golfers have contributed more than \$26,000 to the Exeter Area Food Pantry. The Exeter Community Library is also an annual recipient, with donations totaling nearly \$8,000 since 2010.

Many of the tournaments are organized collaboratively with the Good Hands Gang, which was founded by RCC members Greg and Kathy Galtere. The GHG's mission is to raise awareness of community needs, provide financial assistance when possible, and give individuals and families the opportunity to volunteer to help the needy in their community. All funds raised go directly to charitable organizations that provided needed services for people in Exeter Township and Berks County. There are no administrative fees and all support work is performed by volunteers.

On page 4, you can read a letter from Jack Williams, director of the Exeter Food Pantry. Mr. Williams tells the story of how the RCC golfers' contributions help families in need.

Reading Country Club has deep roots in the Exeter Township and Berks County. The members are keenly aware that RCC is a valuable community asset and with that comes a responsibility to nurture the facility by reaching beyond golf. They express their appreciation by giving back to the community.

The golfers' contributions have supported these organizations:

### Exeter Area Food Pantry

The Exeter Food Pantry provides groceries to families in need who live in the 19508 and 19606 zip codes. The Pantry, located at the Reformation Lutheran Church on Perkiomen Avenue, is open the third Friday of each month and helps from 200 plus families each month.

### Exeter Community Library

The Exeter Community Library is about books and much more. It is a source of knowledge in the Exeter community. It is a social center with activities such as family movie night, a knitting club, children's story telling and reading clubs for all ages. It provides connections for people who need access to the online world. The library is a valuable community asset that serves all Exeter residents.

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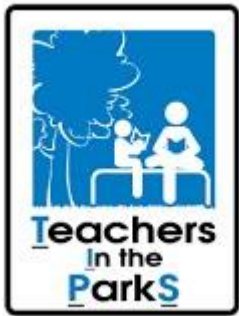


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*Every person deserves to feel secure, warm and to have HOPE!*

## BLANKETS OF HOPE



### Blankets of Hope

Blankets of Hope provides fleece blankets to homeless shelters and cancer and dialysis centers in Berks County. Blankets have been provided to YMCA, Berks Counseling Center, Opportunity House, Mary's Shelter and the Hope Rescue Mission. Blankets are distributed with the help of the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness.

### Mary's Shelter

Mary's Shelter provides residential and non-residential services for pregnant women and women with newborns who need a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships. Mary's shelter prepared mothers and newborns for independent living and a vision of hope for the future.

### A Smile from Jason Foundation

A Smile from Jason Foundation awards scholarships for disabled children to attend the Assisted Therapeutic Horseback Riding program at Shady Hollow Assisted Riding in Birdsboro, Pa. The foundation also supports Aaron's Acres, Creative Health Services "Sibshop," Douglassville "Buddy Ball," the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Dad's My Angel Puppy Rescue "K9's for Kids" program.

### Give a Book, Get a Book

Reading is critical for success in life and needs to begin at an early age. The Give a Book, Get a Book program encourages young children to read. This new program will be another critical effort on behalf of the Exeter Community Library and "Teachers in the Parks" to promote reading and improve literacy skills.

### Teachers in the Park

Teachers in the Park is a program specifically designed to bridge the summer gap between grade levels so students start the new school year with academic and social confidence. Through this program, students meet with certified teachers in the park, creating a relaxed atmosphere without the stigma of summer school.



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Eighty golfers await the start of the 2015 Jack 'O' Lantern Classic at RCC on October 25.



Play is intense on the 16<sup>th</sup> green.



Some golfers play the Jack 'O' Lantern Classic in costume. Well, sort of.

## A Story of Community Involvement

Since 2010, RCC golfers have contributed \$42,355 to help improve lives in our community. By lending a hand to support the good work of charitable organizations in our community, RCC golfers are proud to join our friends and neighbors in building stronger and more vital Exeter Township.

### 2015 (\$11,086)

- \$3,786 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$2,000 Exeter Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Meal Program
- \$1,700 A Smile from Jason Foundation
- \$1,600 Exeter Community Library
- \$1,400 Blankets of Hope
- \$400 The First Tee
- \$200 Mary's Shelter

### 2014 (\$9,110)

- \$4,210 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$1,800 Exeter Community Library
- \$750 Blankets of Hope
- \$625 Teachers in the Parks
- \$625 A Smile from Jason Foundation
- \$500 Give a Book, Get a Book
- \$400 The First Tee
- \$200 Mary's Shelter

### 2013 (\$9,044)

- \$5,976 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$1,258 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$1,210 Exeter Community Library
- \$400 Vision Resource Center of Berks
- \$200 Mary's Shelter

### 2012 (\$7,258)

- \$4,435 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$1,200 Exeter Community Library
- \$1,123 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$400 Mary's Shelter
- \$100 Berks Association for the Blind

### 2011 (\$4,857)

- \$2,937 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$1,100 Exeter Community Library
- \$400 Mary's Shelter
- \$320 Exeter Food Pantry
- \$100 Animal Rescue League

### 2010 (\$1,000)

- \$1,000 Exeter Community Library



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To our many friends at the "Reading Country Club":

From ; Exeter Area Food Pantry (its' 175 volunteers and over 300 client families)

Date; November 20 2015

On behalf of "The Steering Committee" of The Exeter Area Food Pantry, the 175 community volunteers, and most importantly the 300 client families served – we wanted to express our appreciation for your financial support over these past 5 years.

Because of your support of the golf tournaments and fund raising activities (we estimate that you have supported us with over \$25,000 in financial support); we have been able to feed and help our neighbors fight the battle against poverty and hunger.

We thought that we would share the following;

1. All \$25,000 – every penny has gone to purchase food to be shared with client families
2. That \$25,000 equates to; (estimating that we serve , on average, 200 families per month with each family averaging 4 persons per, with our cost of \$11 per family served, that \$11 provides a grocery cart full of food for that family)...\$25,000 divided by \$11 = 2272 grocery carts full of food! We can only imagine and guess at how many actual family meals that were served out of those grocery carts ?
3. On this coming Thursday – Thanksgiving 2015 – your recent donations will provide all of the ingredients for a full Thanksgiving meal. We are prepared to give out 230 of these Thanksgiving meal packages. Each package averages a cost of \$25 for a total of \$5750. When you and your family sit down to share your Thanksgiving meal – your support is making a difference for these 230 neighbors.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child...well it takes a caring community to feed its neighbors – Thank You again and again for being that neighbor !

Jack Williams, Director