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# **Community: Ocoee**

# Autism group raises \$3K at tourney

The Autism Gym's 9th annual Golfing Fore Autism Charity Tournament raised more than \$3,000. Coming in first place was the team of Larry Makela, Sean O'Rielly, Tommy Lawson and Tom Cregger.

Second place went to the team of Brad Grabill, Bill Wagle, Gary Monson and Gary Young, and third place was awarded to the team of Alan Moss, Monty Townsend, Ed O'Donnell and Bob Forster.



Mariah Ammons (from left), JoAnne Houwers, Jennifer Houwers, Tammy Kern, Nicole Tambini and Nikii Fuller volunteered at the tournament.

Local businesses that participated include the city of Ocoee, Jim Beech Recreation Center, Trophies Unlimited, Signwave, Tony's Liquors, Manheim, NSI Orlando, Yuengling Brewery, Chuck and Kris Zaffuto, Sosa and Corona Cigars.

The monies raised will go toward the program's upcoming prom and more family outings.

The Autism Gym runs on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 at the Jim Beech Recreation Center in Ocoee. The program is free and relies on program family support, grants, fundraisers, and donations. A number of events are planned, including family bowling nights, a holiday party, barbecue and prom. A teen social life-skills group is offered, as well.

All ages and disabilities are welcome. For more information about the program, visit www.autismgym.org or contact JoAnneHouwers@autismgym@aol.com

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