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2025 Youth Golfers Hall of Fame Inductees



A Stroke of Success

Tutoring Sessions (Grades 2—12) * Annual Golf Outing * Annual Summer Golf Clinic * Career Sessions * Guest Speakers (ROFK Values, Say No to Drugs and Alcohol and Gun Violence) * ROFK Youth Inducted into Youth Golfers Hall of Fame *

A Message from Our Founder, Ron Dumas



Summer is here and we are in the midst of the ROFK Annual Jr. Summer Golf Clinic. Each year a few hundred kids participate in the free golf clinic whereby volunteer golf instructors are eager to help teach kids aged 3 –17, how to play golf.

It's already been an exciting six months as we began 2025 with tutoring sessions, initially reading and math. Sessions expanded to include science, chemistry and even Spanish. The goal is to make sure any child needing help with any school subject, receives help!

After the 100th birthday celebration of an exceptional ROFK volunteer - Jeanne Burton, the month of May featured ROFK's Annual Golf Outing with its largest group of golfers (147) in ROFK's history. It was a great day for a great cause. (Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQxvcwYcUGs>)

In May 2025, ROFK witnessed the induction of three young people nominated by ROFK into the Youth Golfers Hall of Fame. We are so proud them all.

Throughout the year, guest speakers are invited on topics such as gun violence, negative consequences of drugs and alcohol, career options to consider, mental health and of course, ROFK Character Values and Education.



Ron's favorite quote: ***"A quitter never wins and a winner never quits!"***

Another ROFK Success Story

Former ROFK Participant—Luke Howell

Accomplishment: Chiropractor

How did ROFK help Luke?

Luke has dyslexia and has always struggled with reading. He attributes the discipline and work ethic he developed as a Reaching Out for Kids (ROFK) student golfer to helping him complete undergraduate and graduate school.

Although Luke played other sports, he learned early on that golf is the sport that taught him valuable life lessons. Some of his fondest memories come from the many times he played on the driving range at Avon Fields. From the beginning he was very annoyed with the idea of hitting 100's. Later he realized he played a lot better than other players because of the method and practice. The method of hitting those 100's is what he uses when he needs to score well. His 3-iron is the most reliable iron.

Then there were those times Ron made them play without a driver on the shorter courses. This is challenging for most players. However they did this so much it was no longer a challenge for ROFK players.

Something he appreciates about golf is that you have to use your mind. Luke went on to explain, courses are different, no course is the same, so understanding how to get around a course and getting to the 150 all require logic, planning, skill, practice, and patience.

Whenever his swing isn't going well, he employs a drill he learned from Ron at ROFK, it's the towel under his arm method. Luke has such fond memories from being a ROFK golfer and now as an adult who enjoys the sport.

Mission: To use golf as a platform to teach life lessons.

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**Let's Show Some Love
to Reaching Out For Kids
(a 501c3 organization)**



Education and Character Development are our priorities
We teach values entitled "RICHES" to kids aged 3 - 17
Respect, Integrity, Character, Honesty, Education, and Sportsmanship

ROFK Loves Our Volunteers & Donors!

**We appreciate the awesome work and
time given to make this program a
great SUCCESS!**

**ROFK also extends deep appreciation to
every donor as we continue to offer
FREE programs for the kids.**

ROFK VALUES (RICHES) = RESPECT . INTEGRITY . CHARACTER . HONESTY . EDUCATION . SPORTSMANSHIP