



2021 Year in Review

Lead. Believe. Create.



Zoey



"I learned that I have to swing back further when I hit the ball and I was really happy to get to finally practice today."

As the landscape of the world changed leading into 2021, the need for services and connection to others grew stronger than ever. On the heels of quarantine, social distancing, and a year of uncertainty, Fuel The Drive relentlessly moved forward to strengthen, support, and inspire junior golfers during a challenging and unprecedented time. Thanks to the generous contributions of our sponsors, Fuel The Drive expanded its reach beyond Colorado to include junior golfers in Michigan.

The excitement of our junior golfers could not be contained this year. After junior golfer Dominick received his new clubs in Michigan, his dad told us, "He's soooo excited, he slept with his new clubs! Thank you." Junior golfer Clayton in Michigan said, "I had such a great time despite a tough year. I cannot wait until next year. . .thank you, Fuel the Drive." And our junior golfer Cassandrau in Michigan said she "loved meeting new people. And learning how to play the game of golf."

This is exactly why Fuel The Drive exists.

In addition to expanding our PGA Jr. League golf sponsorships, Fuel The Drive moved forward with its collaboration with the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation and USTA Colorado by supporting the SERVES tennis program at Denver Tennis Park. The SERVES program ran for 48 Saturdays in 2021 and served 72 unique participants. In addition to the program offering at Denver Tennis Park, the staff expanded their efforts to Montbello with an outreach program that had a huge impact on the community.

Nate



"Nate is already asking if he can play PGA league again next summer! He's loving golf and the friendship piece of the league."

Katelyn

"Katelyn is quite a natural born golfer! She has a great drive and won a putting contest last week at practice. She has made some new friends and looks forward to playing in the next match!"



In addition to athletic skills development, the SERVES program promotes learning, life, and leadership skills to round out a holistic approach to youth development. Through this collaboration, Fuel The Drive is helping to positively impact the lives of youth through tennis. "We are so grateful for your support. It matters a lot to the kids who benefit from this program," Fritz Garger, Executive Director, USTA Colorado/Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation, said.

As we move into 2022, Fuel The Drive is focused on moving forward with its core mission to encourage confidence in kids through sport. Our founder Terry Aikin's vision: "That every child has an opportunity to build confidence through a supportive network of sport and education."

Plans are already underway at Fuel The Drive to expand our offerings and programs in 2022. Our goals for PGA Jr. League sponsorships include:

- * 32 sponsored junior golfers in the Denver area;
- * 8 sponsored junior golfers in the Detroit area; and
- * 4 sponsored junior golfers in the Albuquerque area.

It's also our goal to move forward with supporting a junior golf league in New York state.

Outside of golf, it's our goal to sponsor 10 kids for the USTA SERVES program at the Denver Tennis Park in 2022.

We hope you're as excited as we are about what we've accomplished together in just two short years. We're well on our way to further fulfilling our mission to support and develop youth through sport. We hope that you continue to support us as we expand our reach in 2022 by donating at www.fuelthedrive.org.

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