

## StJB's EpiscoGolf 2018 Delivers

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While all the golf fun was had last August, the real benefits of EpiscoGolf to many local kids appropriately came around Thanksgiving. The outreach mission of EpiscoGolf, sponsored by the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist (StJB), is to better the quality of life for underprivileged children by providing grants to children's organization and charities. It is a non-denominational community outreach program providing grants regardless of religion, race or gender.

Fortunately, StJB's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual EpiscoGolf children's charity golf tournament, held last August 15, 2018 at Province Lake Golf Club, was another major success. The event drew more than 100 golfers and raised about \$10,500. Once again, this year's EpiscoGolf was championed by: Jim 'Hap' Horrigan, Chairman; Jim 'Jimbo' Keating; and Peter and Loretta Campbell.

"We're all in this for our local kids," shared Peter Campbell, EpiscoGolf Treasurer, "the charities selected and funds distributed are aimed at assisting children in need."

Nearly a dozen local children's charities were the recent and grateful recipients of EpiscoGolf's 2018's funds. These funds helped with many wonderful student enrichment programs, homework clubs, transportation, kid's sports programs and Christmas gifts – all to foster and support hundreds of local children. Many, as shown below, address basic hunger.

Wakefield Food Pantry  
Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChiPs),  
Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County  
Gerry's Food Pantry, Rochester  
Homeless Center of Strafford County  
Secret Santa, Wakefield and Brookfield  
End 68 Hours of Hunger, Milton  
Salvation Army Kid's Club, Rochester  
School's Out Program, Ossipee  
The Nick Recreation Park  
Families in Transition, Rochester

"It's just great to be part of this," shared Howie Knight, Wakefield Food Pantry's (WFP) President, "we're so grateful to be one of the long-standing beneficiaries of the annual golf tournament." Knight further detailed, "Since 2006, we've received more than \$12,400 in donations from St John's EpiscoGolf, which remarkably equates to some 36,000 meals for children & families."

With it's vision of 'hunger-free communities', the WFP ([www.wakefieldnhfoodpantry.org](http://www.wakefieldnhfoodpantry.org)), serves children and families from Wakefield, Brookfield, Effingham, Milton NH and Newfields, ME, every Wednesday (10 am to 1 pm; and 5-7 pm) at 1500 Wakefield Road.

In keeping with the thankfulness of the season, Jimbo concluded, "We owe a big debt of gratitude to a lot of loyal and generous people for EpiscoGolf's continued success – our sponsors, golfers, and dedicated volunteers."

Stay tuned for more information on St John the Baptist's ([www.stjohntb.org](http://www.stjohntb.org)) 24<sup>th</sup> annual EpiscoGolf, slated for August 21, 2019, to once again help many local children.