



13th annual

# Grit, Gratitude & You

Wednesday, October 23, 7:30–9:00 AM

Windows on the River | Downtown Cleveland

Join us for **Grit, Gratitude & You** on **October 23** at Windows on the River as we highlight our positive impact on local kids & teens.

**First Tee – Cleveland** enables kids to build the strength of character. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with life skills curriculum, we create learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience.

In 2024 our chapter will serve more than 3,000 kids and teens ages 6–18 through our **program locations** and **community partners**, plus more than 8,000 students through our **School Program**.

### Highlights:

- Presentation of the **Del de Windt Leadership Award for Civic Engagement**
- Celebration of **Coach Leslie Kleinman**—recipient of **First Tee’s 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **Doris A. Evans, M.D. Merit Scholarship** presentation
- Emcee/Moderator **Dave Chudowsky**, Morning News Anchor on 3News’ Go! WKYC TV 3 Cleveland
- Interact with **First Tee kids and teens**



### Agenda:

7:30–8:00 AM: **Registration, Breakfast & Networking**

8:00–9:00 AM: **Program**

Participant fees contribute **only 7%** of the annual revenue necessary to deliver impactful programs. **Please help us reach more kids in need of social, emotional and physical support.**

### Co-Chairs:

Sharon Buchwald  
Jim & Julia Neff

### Host Committee:

Joe Boehm IV  
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### Del de Windt Leadership Award for Civic Engagement 2024 Recipients

## Fred & Brittan DiSanto



**Fred and Brittan DiSanto** are dedicated philanthropists and community leaders, passionate Cleveland sports fans, and avid golfers. Their generosity to their alma maters has enabled the commencement of transformational projects for the student experience particularly in the visual arts, with recent gifts to Case Western Reserve University, St. Ignatius High School, and Magnificat High School.

Fred is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ancora, a private wealth advisor and institutional asset manager with nearly \$10 billion of assets under management. Fred is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Case Western Reserve University, a Trustee and former Chair of the Board of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, and former Chair of the Board of Regents at St. Ignatius High School. Fred also serves as a Director at Medical Mutual, Ampco-Pittsburgh, The Eastern Company, and Regional Brands, Inc.

An arts professional and a teacher, Brittan has a significant passion for the visual arts, which is evident in the projects funded by the DiSantos. At Magnificat, their gift will transform the existing visual arts wing creating an open and inviting learning environment fostering creativity, collaboration, and interdisciplinary learning. At St. Ignatius, their gift supports the Campaign for Vision ‘30 and used to fund a new three-story academic wing, which will house a world-class Visual Arts department with multiple studios.

Congrats also to Fred and Brittan on winning the 2024 men’s and ladies’ club championships at The Pepper Pike Club and Canterbury Golf Club, respectively!

*The award recognizes outstanding members of the Cleveland community who exemplify the values and spirit of community service and civic engagement that Del de Windt represented throughout his life. Mr. de Windt was Eaton Corporation’s chairman of the board and CEO (1969–1986). His retirement in 1986 culminated a 45-year association with the company.*

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Forms and checks (payable to **First Tee - Cleveland**) can be mailed to:  
3883 Washington Park Blvd., Newburgh Heights, OH 44105

**Questions?** Contact Paula Domzalski: 216.641.7799; pdomzalski@firstteecleveland.org

## Tickets & Sponsorships Opportunities

**Sponsorship deadline October 10;** Select from the following:

### Presenting Sponsor / \$20,000

- Title Sponsor: Grit, Gratitude & You presented by (your company name)
- Full page ad (inside or back cover) in Program Book
- Logo on First Tee - Cleveland website through 12/31/24
- Acknowledgement during Welcome; logo in social media
- Logo recognition on invitation and presentation slides
- Reserved Sponsor Table with 8 Event Tickets

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- Half page ad in Program Book with priority placement
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- Acknowledgement during Welcome and in social media
- Logo recognition on presentation slides
- Reserved Sponsor Table with 8 Event Tickets

### Silver Sponsor / \$2,500

- Quarter page ad in Program Book
- Name on First Tee - Cleveland website
- Recognition on presentation slides
- Reserved Sponsor Table with 8 Event Tickets

### Bronze Sponsor / \$1,500

- Logo or name in program
- Name recognition in presentation slides
- 8 Event Tickets

**\$500 Patron** • Name in program • 2 Event Tickets

**\$250 Patron** • Name in program • 1 Event Ticket

**\$150** • 1 Individual Ticket

We will not be able to participate but wish to support the event with a fully tax-deductible gift of:

**\$2,500** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1,000** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$500** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$250** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Book Ads:** Email ads in PDF format (page size 8.5" x 5.5") by October 11 to Paula at pdomzalski@firstteecleveland.org

\_\_\_\_\_ Full page ad (5" wide x 8" tall): \$1,500

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## Woodworth Activity Center

This year, First Tee - Cleveland completed a \$3.5 million capital campaign to renovate a 12,000sf former school building next to Washington Golf Course and celebrated the opening of the **Woodworth Activity Center** in May!

The space allows for year-round indoor activities and programs and provides a safe learning environment for kids, families, school groups and community partners. The facility includes: a large Activity Area, three golf simulators, a kitchen for the Fit To a Tee cooking class, a learning center, meeting space and more. To schedule a tour or learn more, contact Pat LoPresti at: 216-641-7799; plopresti@firstteecleveland.org.