

ARC Broward hosts a 2006 Community Drivers Golf Tourney

Rep. Susan Goldstein and Sen. Skip Campbell will host the 2006 VISTA Community Drivers Golf Tournament on Sept. 18 at the Coral Ridge Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, benefiting children with autism and other developmental disabilities served by ARC Broward.

VISTA Healthplans will serve as the title sponsor for the second consecutive year and the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, also a previous sponsor of the tournament, has committed major support to this year's event.

The VISTA Community Drivers Golf Tournament is the major fundraising event of the year for ARC Broward. The agency celebrates 50 years of serving South Florida by providing healthcare, educational, residential, supported living and other assistance to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Now in its fourth year, the Community Drivers Golf Tournament provides a unique opportunity for companies and individuals to network with state and local elected officials. Elected officials serve as the "Community Drivers" for the day and host a foursome to complete a team of five.

The tournament will begin with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The tournament concludes at 3 p.m. when participants will enjoy an awards reception and auction.

"We are very excited about the overwhelming response to this year's event," said Dennis Haas, president and CEO of ARC Broward. "The support of VISTA, ARC Broward's health benefits company, coupled with the enthusiastic participation from our elected officials and outstanding corporate sponsors is greatly appreciated."

"VISTA is proud to help ensure that the quality programs and services ARC Broward provides to children and adults with special needs continue to be available," said VISTA Chief Executive Officer Ronald J. Berding. "We support ARC Broward in pursuing its mission." As a proactive neighborhood partner, VISTA sponsors and participates in a wide variety of activities in the communities it serves.

ARC Broward is a private, nonprofit organization providing support and assistance primarily to children and adults with mental retardation, autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other developmental disabilities.

Incorporated in 1956 and celebrating 50 years serving the community, ARC Broward provides a continuum of supports to more than 1,200 children and adults with disabilities and employs a caring team of more than 350 healthcare, educational, and other professionals.

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