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### **\$60,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO JUNIOR GOLFERS**

**NEW ORLEANS** -- The Kelly Gibson Foundation announced at their Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday it has awarded 27 scholarships to junior golfers throughout the Greater New Orleans and Southwest Mississippi region. Through strategic partnerships with Allstate Sugar Bowl, Cox Communications, Entergy New Orleans, McMath Construction, New Orleans Golf Association, BC Cup Foundation, Fore!Kids Foundation, The PIG International Charity, and The Mackel Foundation, the Kelly Gibson Foundation awarded \$60,500 to deserving members of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour.

The Fore!Kids Foundation awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to JT Holmes of Metairie and JP Preston of Mandeville. In memory of Barry Hogan and Colin Headrick, the BC Cup Foundation presented members, Troy Leger of Mandeville, Kyle Estay of Larose, Callee Breland of Bay Saint Louis, Miss., and Wondell Smith, Jr., of New Orleans \$10,000 worth of scholarship money. The Zurich Classic also presented awards worth a total of \$5,000 to Julia Simon of New Orleans and Cameron Dowden of Houma. Other scholarship recipients include the following: Josie Headrick of Slidell, Troy Leger of Mandeville, Karrington Knight of New Orleans, Justin Caldwell of Ponchatoula, Vincent Almerico of Diamondhead, Miss., Alison Prescott of Harvey, Taylor Ann Price of Metairie, Savannah Ennis of Abita Springs, Caroline Hingle of Covington, Ray Poche of Covington, Madeline Gordon of Kenner, Benjamin Oelkers of Metairie, Camille Simon of New Orleans, Peter Hansen of New Orleans, Alex Gelpi of Destrehan, Chase Encalade of Point A La Hache, Colin Tregre of Metairie, Dominic Do of Belle Chasse, Madeline Boudreau of Harvey, and Chase May of Covington.

The Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour is presented by Nestle Pure Life in partnership with the Fore!Kids Foundation, Coca-Cola, Cox Communications, Allstate Sugar Bowl, Tomba Communications, Academy Sports + Outdoors, BC Cup Foundation, New Orleans Golf Association, Rob Noel Golf Academy, Alvarez and Marsal, The Mackel Foundation, McMath Construction, Ballard Brands, RCI and Entergy New Orleans.

Founded in 2009 by PGA Tour Professional Kelly Gibson, the KGJGT is operated by the Kelly Gibson Foundation with the mission of creating a positive learning experience through golf by providing competitive golf tournaments throughout the year. The Tour is open to both male and female golfers ages 7-22, with members competing in junior golf tournaments throughout New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region.

Scholarships are awarded based on community service, grade point average and financial need, regardless of the players' golfing ability. All members of the KGJGT who are at least juniors in high school are eligible to receive scholarships.

**About The Kelly Gibson Foundation:**

The Kelly Gibson Foundation was founded as Feed the Relief, Inc. by Kelly and Elizabeth Gibson in September of 2005 with the idea of providing necessary support for the front line first responders to Hurricane Katrina. In the days and weeks following the disaster of Katrina, Feed the Relief provided support to the Coast Guard, EMS personnel, police and fire departments, community centers, hospitals, and residents as they returned to their homes. In 2010, Feed the Relief, a 501(c)3 corporation, changed its name to the Kelly Gibson Foundation, and expanded its scope to enrich the lives of children through athletics. For more information, please visit [www.kellygibsonfoundation.org](http://www.kellygibsonfoundation.org).

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