

Friends,

Here we go ...It's that time again as the Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center (GROC) is gearing up for our annual Summer Camp Golf Outing. This is our largest fundraiser, which is scheduled for Monday, May 20th, 2024 at Indian Hills Country Club.

Our Outreach is located in the heart of Wyandanch, one of Long Island's poorest and most-challenged communities. We have seen an increase of over 10% more people coming for food and clothing from the prior year. GROC provides a safety net for families that are genuinely in need, those who "fall through the cracks" of the system and the working poor. We have seen an increase in the number of children we serve...in fact two-thirds of our clients served by GROC are children.

The golf outing is our major funding source for Summer Camp, an integral part of GROC's activities and has been in existence for more than 40 years. The camp provides local children with many fun out-door activities, meals, as well as educational enrichment and other opportunities/experiences that would otherwise not be available to them. Although camp fees are deeply discounted, camp is still out of reach for some; in 2023, 43% of our campers were homeless, in shelters, in the custody of their grandparents, or foster children. These are the children we support and why the camp exists.

Join us for a fun day of golf on Monday, May 20, 2024 so that we can continue to help these children. If you do not golf, consider sponsoring a hole or tee or come for dinner... where you can listen to live slow jazz music. You will have the opportunity to look over exciting raffle baskets during cocktail hour and before enjoying dinner with like-minded good people, all for a great cause. Last year, the 50/50 sales were over \$8,000; if you would like one or more 50/50 books, please respond to this email with your address and we will add you to our mailing list.

Following is the URL, where you can register for golf, dinner, sponsor a hole, or offer a donation to the Outreach Center.

<https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/groccannualgolfouting>

Last year the foursomes booked up quickly, so if you plan on golfing, please register early.

Any questions, please call me directly at (917)863-3988.

Thank you.

Joe