

Just Reaching Out



What An Amazing Year!

Tutoring * Girl Power Meets Women in Power * ROFK Goes to See the Reds * Annual Golf Outing * Annual Summer Golf Clinic * Career Sessions * Guest Speakers (Say No to Drugs/Alcohol) * ROFK Youth Inducted into Youth Golfers Hall of Fame * ROFK Meets APGA Golf Pros * Mental Health Sessions * Kids vs. Parents Outing * Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

A Message from Our Founder, Ron Dumas

Reaching Out for Kids (ROFK) has been operating since 1997. It's hard to believe that another year has passed. My heart is overwhelmed when I think of all the kids ROFK has touched since we began.

First it started with just teaching kids about how to play golf. Then we began inviting speakers present on career options, the negative consequences of drugs and alcohol and having other educational aspects such as tutoring infused into the program.

I must say that I am most proud of the kids that have now become adults and are actively engaged in very rewarding careers. ROFK has helped nearly 200 kids obtain college scholarships.

I am even more proud of the ways that ROFK has helped feed those who were hungry, including this year by providing Thanksgiving Dinners, provide school supplies, clothing/shoes and help the outstanding golfers go to the Youth Golfers Hall of Fame in Florida.

This program's success would not be possible if it were not for our donors and sponsors through the years. While this non-profit program provides all activities to kids free of charge, it cost thousands of dollars to operate. It takes financial resources, time and talent to make ROFK work effectively. I want to say a special "Thanks" to those who have supported ROFK in one of the many ways it takes to help kids grow and learn the value of education as well as character development. Let's keep moving forward for the good of the kids and the greater good of the community!

Ron's favorite phrase: "A quitter never wins and a winner never quits!"



Another ROFK Success Story

Former ROFK Participant—Jonathan Coleman

Accomplishments: A Financial Advisor and a Golf Pro for 8 years

What has ROFK done for you? Around age seven or eight Jonathan began participating in the ROFK golf program. Very early on he and others realized he had the talent to become a gifted golfer. What Jonathan appreciates most is the opportunity to be in the company of older mature men from the ROFK program. He observed and benefited from their talent, patience, and generosity. He learned not to be selfish and to give things a chance.

Being a talented golfer also changed his academic life. He earned a scholarship in golf from The Seven Hills School: a very prestigious school in Cincinnati, Ohio. He became a member of the high school golf team. Again, being connected to ROFK introduced him to the opportunity that would springboard his education.

Golf afforded him highly sought after opportunities to travel all over the country and Canada. He enjoyed luxurious field trips, golf camps, and meeting golf pros. A highlight he will cherish is from 1997, when he met and took lessons with Tiger Woods.

In 2007, ROFK assisted Jonathan in obtaining a full ride to Gramling State University, a Historically Black College or University. Later he would go on to receive a full ride to Jackson State University, another HBCU, where he continued to play great golf, winning awards and tournaments.

Jonathan's greatest take away from the lessons of golf is that **"Golf as does life, always gives you options" and "be open to the possibilities."**

Mission:

To use golf as a platform to teach life lessons

Impact:

- Served up to 300 students each week during the 8-week summer golf clinics.
- Helped 185 students obtain college scholarships.
- Provided school supplies to students.
- Provided food to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Helped kids go to the Youth Golfers Hall of Fame.
- Taught kids on the negative consequences of drugs and alcohol.
- Introduced career opportunities.

Let's Show Some Love
to Reaching Out For Kids
(a 501c3 organization)



Education and Character Development are our priorities
We teach values entitled "RICHES" to kids aged 3 - 17

Respect, Integrity, Character, Honesty, Education, and Sportsmanship



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