



# 5th ANNUAL PUTT IT FORWARD

NON PROFIT



## BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

BENEFITING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE DUE TO UNFORSEEN HEALTH ISSUES

**PLAY  
GOLF  
FOR A  
CAUSE**

RAFFLES  
TRICKY TRAY  
LONGEST DRIVE  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
LOW TEAM SCORE

AVAILABLE CONTESTS:  
HOLE-IN-ONE  
PUTTING  
CHIPPING  
AND MUCH MORE!

**SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 3, 2025**

BLACK BEAR GOLF COURSE  
138 NJ-23 FRANKLIN, NJ 07416

REGISTRATION 12:30PM

**SHOTGUN START 1:30PM**  
**4 PERSON TEAM OR LESS**  
**SCRAMBLE FORMAT \$185/PLAYER**  
**(INCLUDES DINNER & CONTESTS)**

DINNER ONLY 5:00 PM \$65

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

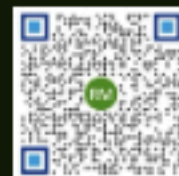
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April 5, 2025

Friends from Vernon and beyond:

I'm writing today to ask for your support as a sponsor of the fifth annual Putt It Forward Charitable Golf Outing, taking place August 3rd, 2025 at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, NJ.

Every year, the Putt It Forward 501c3 nonprofit holds this fundraiser to benefit a local family who is experiencing a medical emergency or personal hardship. Last year's outing drew over 325 attendees from Vernon and beyond, who raised over \$17,000! We were thrilled to be able to write four checks to assist families in Vernon in addition to 2024's main beneficiary, Jessie Clayton (Goetchius) of Vernon. With your help, we have continued to raise more funds year over year, and provide assistance to more families in need. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

There are several ways your businesses can get involved this year:

- You can make a direct monetary donation to the fund, tax-deductible with tax id # 87-1707549
- Sponsor a hole or provide a prize for the golf outing, and receive recognition on signage and event materials
- Donate a prize or gift certificate to be included in the prize raffle
- All donors are welcome to provide a branded item or print material to be included in the swag bag for all golfers

Finally, we invite everyone to sign up for a foursome and enjoy a beautiful day of golf, followed by a catered dinner and prize raffle. A great time is had by all every year, in support of a great cause.

## **The Putt it Forward Story**

My name is Ryan Mahoney, President of Putt it Forward. I'm a Vernon father of two, an alum of Vernon Township High School, and a leukemia survivor. On August 5th, 2018, I drove myself to Newton Medical Center with extreme fatigue and headaches, thinking I would be home to rest by dinner time. Instead, a blood test revealed that I wasn't just sick--I had Acute Myeloid Leukemia. I was rushed to the Morristown Carol G. Simon Cancer Center that night, where I would remain for the next month to receive emergency chemotherapy and blood transfusions. I worried how my wife and two young children would make ends meet while I was laid up in the hospital. You can't imagine my surprise, gratitude, and relief when the Vernon community rallied around my family, raising funds and providing support to keep them going. Knowing that they were taken care of allowed me to focus on making it back home to them.

On January 4th 2019, five months after my diagnosis, I received a bone marrow donation at Hackensack Meridian Hospital, marking the first step towards my recovery from leukemia. The donor was my brother and Vice President of Putt it Forward, Louis Pieri. Throughout my long recovery, Louis kept my spirits up, pushing me to get out and about and focus on my health and wellness while my body recovered from the toll leukemia had taken. We started playing golf together, as a safe way to get active and enjoy the fresh air again safely in the midst of the pandemic with my compromised immune system.

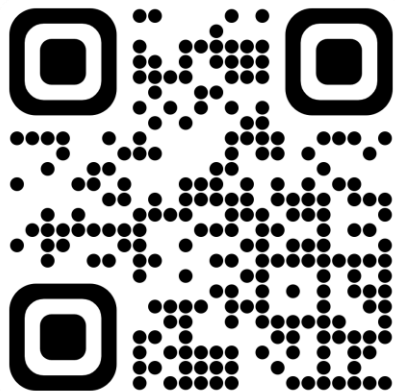
While participating in a local golf fundraiser, I got thinking about how lucky I was to still be here. I thought about the other patients I had met in the hospital, some who were still fighting and others who had tragically lost their lives to leukemia. Their families were all facing the same emotional toll and financial hardships that mine had. I knew that the love and support my family received from our community throughout our ordeal could never truly be paid back, but it could be paid forward. Putt it Forward was born that year, and we achieved 501c3 status as a registered charitable organization in 2021.

The first Putt it Forward outing raised \$10,000 for Vernon families, and we've increased our impact each year since with this community's incredible generosity. It's our mission to pay forward to the community tenfold what we received. Your generous support can help lift a family's burden, removing the worry of household bills and missed payments while their loved one is in the hospital, so they can focus on recovery. I know from experience how crucial that peace of mind and focus is for someone who is fighting cancer. This year in January 2024, five years after starting treatment, I was officially declared

cancer free by my doctor. Thank you so much to everyone who helped get me here, you will always be part of the family.

Thank you so much for your generous support, helping us to achieve our dream and “Putt it forward”.

- Ryan Mahoney, President of Putt it Forward  
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A letter from this year's Put It Forward Beneficiary:

Life can change in an instant. Something that cancer patients know better than anyone else. February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Two weeks before going into lockdown due to the Covid pandemic. After my primary care doctor ignored my concerns and refused to write a script to get a mammogram, I started a battle I never saw coming. Always healthy, always active and always going to the doctors for my yearly checkups. I had none of the “typical” symptoms of breast cancer and was told I was “too young” to have such a diagnosis. The only way my cancer was found was because I noticed a difference in my left breast, a thickening of muscle, or so I thought, from doing my monthly self-breast exams. Very quickly, I received the worst news of my life. Stage 4, incurable metastatic breast cancer. The initial tumor was the size of a softball and traveled to my lymph nodes, liver and arm bone. Over the last 5 years, I have had more tests than I can count, chemotherapy, injections, surgeries, immunotherapy, hospital stays, scans every three months, faced complications and am on more medications than anyone should ever be on. A few years into my fight, I developed a second type of breast cancer. So now my fight became even more complicated. However, I have two amazing oncology teams at Gesinger CMC and Memorial Sloan Kettering.

I've lost friends, my job, my finances, my confidence, most of my hobbies and most importantly my health. I've cried, laughed, developed new fears, faced mortality, went on adventures, became depressed, made some beautiful new friendships and fought for reasons to smile. I don't take any memory, any experience for granted. I make the most out of the time with my loved ones because I am realistic enough to know what this diagnosis looks like. I had a 16% chance of living for 5 years post initial diagnosis but here I am, fighting with all I have. I thank God, my doctors, my friends and my family for supporting me through this arduous journey.

My life goals have drastically changed as has my perspective on life. I use my trials to be a voice for the voiceless, to advocate for women's health and to educate what a cancer diagnosis truly looks like. I encourage every woman to get to know their body and complete their self-breast exam on the first of every month. Feel it on the first. I share the blessings and the challenges I face so that we can all learn to be kind to those fighting a chronic illness. The loneliness we face, the fear and uncertainty....it's hard to find the correct words to describe. A cancer diagnosis never gets any easier but here I am fighting with all I have. I am part of an underfunded and under-researched group being a young adult with cancer. Stage 4 deserves more, as do all patients fighting this horrid disease. I read a quote that really resonated with me by an unknown author. “There will be storms. They will come. Directly your way. But don't back down. Dance with the wind. Cry with the rain. Howl with the thunder. Shine with the lightning.” This is how I plan to live everyday that I am blessed with.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Gunstra

# Putt It Forward

- Non Profit Corporation -

Tax ID # 87-1707549

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor Levels:

### \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 - Par Level

- Name on Welcome Banner
- Recognition at Welcome Address, Dinner and Tee Box

### \_\_\_\_\_ \$600 - Birdie Level

- Everything on the Par Level
- Premium Signage as a Hole Sponsor / Contest Sponsor

### \_\_\_\_\_ \$1200 - Eagle Level

- Everything on the Par and Birdie Level
- Name on Event swag as Eagle Sponsor

### \_\_\_\_\_ \$1700 - Albatross Level

- Everything on the Par, Birdie and Eagle
- Company name/logo on website
- 4some included

Other Amount/ Donation or Item for Tricky Tray: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks can be made payable to "Putt It Forward Corporation" and mailed to 59 Lakeside Dr. NW Sussex, NJ 07461

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## Registration Form

**Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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