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# Community Vision

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## Vice President Biden Visits East Lake

On March 4, the East Lake Foundation and Purpose Built Communities welcomed United States Vice President Joe Biden to the East Lake community.

Vice President Biden visited the East Lake Early Learning Academy at the East Lake Family YMCA, one of the two early learning partners in the East Lake Foundation's cradle-to-college education pipeline that educates children from birth through high school. The East Lake Early Learning Academy serves children from birth to three years old, preparing them for pre-kindergarten with the social, emotional, language and literacy skills essential to students' early development.

"The East Lake Early Learning Academy at the East Lake Family YMCA and the East Lake Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Center are critical partners in our cradle-to-college education pipeline. Both provide our youngest learners with the tools and resources to get the best start in life," said Daniel Shoy, Jr., president of the East Lake Foundation. "Vice President Biden's visit helped bring a national spotlight to our efforts in East Lake, where possibility takes place." ■



## Where Golf with a Purpose Comes to Life

Coming to the East Lake Golf Club September 11-14

Tickets are now on sale! Go to [PGATOUR.com/tourchampionship](http://PGATOUR.com/tourchampionship).

And don't forget, kids 18 years and younger are admitted free when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Proceeds from the tournament support the East Lake Foundation and The First Tee® of East Lake.



## You can help make a difference

The East Lake Foundation is nationally known for its integrated approach to community revitalization that focuses on three pillars: **cradle-to-college education, mixed-income housing** and **community wellness**. The Foundation serves as the lead organization working closely with its partners within and across these pillars to benefit our youth and their families. This summer, our goal is to provide fun activities that keep youth engaged and productive. Your generosity will help support fun learning opportunities like **The First Tee® of East Lake, the East Lake Community Learning Garden, the CREW Teens Summer Institute** and **Drew Charter School's Literacy Center**.

To make your donation, call Cornesha Scott, 404-373-4351, ext. 101 or visit [eastlakefoundation.org](http://eastlakefoundation.org)

## Coming Soon: East Lake Healthy Connections

This month, the East Lake Foundation is launching East Lake Healthy Connections. The program, made possible by a three-year grant from the Jesse Parker Williams Foundation, will help East Lake residents enroll in health insurance, connect to accessible medical homes, effectively utilize primary and preventive health care services, and manage chronic diseases. The program builds on a

comprehensive health scan survey conducted by the Foundation and national research on best practices for community health programs. East Lake Healthy Connections will leverage existing relationships with the Foundation's partners, particularly the East Lake Family YMCA, to benefit families served by the East Lake Foundation's programs and services. ■

# Summer Programs Keep East Lake Youth Engaged

CREW Teens



East Lake Community Learning Garden



The First Tee® of East Lake



Summer matters. With your support, The First Tee® of East Lake, the East Lake Community Learning Garden, CREW (Creating Responsible, Educated, Working) Teens and the Drew Charter School Literacy Center are able to provide programming that keeps youth engaged and productive during the summer.

The First Tee® of East Lake's golf camps and tournaments serve more than 150 youth every summer and provide opportunities for participants to learn and play golf, as well as develop the skills and character traits that will serve them well both on and off the golf course.

Through the East Lake Community Learning Garden's GreenWorks GRO program, young adults learn the fundamentals of organic gardening, good nutrition, urban agriculture, produce marketing/sales, animal husbandry and landscaping. A joint effort of the East Lake Foundation and the Southeastern Horticultural Society, this program provides summer job training and employment opportunities for The Villages of East Lake and East Lake community residents.

For high school students, the CREW Teens Summer Institute provides courses led by professionals in a variety of fields that combine interactive classroom instruction with real-life experiences. The Institute also offers college readiness and standardized test tips. Additionally, the Drew Charter School Literacy Center's reading program helps students maintain their reading skills during the break to counter the "summer slide" phenomenon, where students are said to lose knowledge over the summer months.

Whether it's golfing, gardening, or learning opportunities, your support provides healthy activities for our East Lake community and helps our youth have a great summer while helping to fulfill their potential. ■



Drew Charter School Literacy Center

## Drew Charter School Junior and Senior Academy Update

Construction of the Charles R. Drew Charter School Junior and Senior Academy at the Charlie Yates Campus continues to go well and the school is on track to open in late summer for the upcoming academic year.

The Junior and Senior Academy is beginning to take shape as a state-of-the-art educational facility that will allow students to inspire each other, be inquisitive, and become the innovators and creators of tomorrow.

The 525-seat performing arts theater and competitive athletic gymnasiums are also coming along with significant progress each day. At full capacity, the gym bleachers can hold 1,000 cheering fans. With additional seating space throughout the gym, the school can host up to 1,800 visitors for community events. ■



## Wells Fargo Gives the Gift of Reading

Charles R. Drew Charter School received 30 high-quality bookcases and several hundred books thanks to a donation from Wells Fargo. Students Johnathan and Aaliyah show some of their favorite titles with Drew Charter Elementary Principal Barbara Preuss. ■



## High School Teams Hit the Links for The First Tee® of East Lake Invitational



On March 15, The First Tee® of East Lake hosted its annual First Tee of East Lake Invitational at the historic East Lake Golf Club. This highly anticipated high school golf tournament features area teams that have volunteered throughout the year with our program. Greater Atlanta Christian School, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, North Atlanta High School, Pace Academy,

The Lovett School and Woodward Academy all competed in the tournament. Greater Atlanta Christian, whose team also volunteered the most in 2013, finished in first place in both the boys and girls divisions. Many thanks to Reese Lanier, Friends of The First Tee® of East Lake board member, for his ongoing support of this impactful event and the Thomas H. Lanier Family Foundation for helping make this tournament possible. ■



## Building Bridges To A Better Community

In April, East Lake Foundation Board Member Cheryl Lomax received the Bridge Builder Award from Atlanta Technical College, which recognizes companies and individuals who have "bridged the gap" for underserved populations. Throughout her career and in her current role as Bank of America's Senior Vice

President, Global Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Cheryl has demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to improving communities in the city of Atlanta and throughout the state of Georgia. The East Lake Foundation is grateful and fortunate to have the generous and committed support of Cheryl and Bank of America. ■

## Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

### June 3 2014 Golf-a-Thon

Time to tee it up for The First Tee® of East Lake Golf-a-Thon at the Chapel Hills Golf Club in Douglasville, Georgia! Whether you want to participate, volunteer or serve as a sponsor, your support is greatly appreciated and you're guaranteed a fun afternoon.

### June 13 SummerFest in the Villages of East Lake

We're seeking volunteers and vendors for this annual community event that offers residents an opportunity to gather and connect. We'll celebrate Father's Day weekend with music, food, games and activities for residents of all ages.

### June 16 The First Tee® of East Lake Challenge

You are invited to have breakfast with a past Payne Stewart Award recipient, followed by a golf tournament at the East Lake Golf Club. Please contact us regarding registration and sponsorship opportunities.

### July 27 Backpack Stuffing Party

We are looking for volunteers to help with the 9th Annual Backpack Stuffing Party. For the past nine years, For the Kid in All of Us, an Atlanta-based not-for-profit organization, has hosted this event to help support Georgia's children in need of school supplies.

Visit [eastlakefoundation.org/upcoming-events](http://eastlakefoundation.org/upcoming-events) for more information or to register for any of the above events. Please contact Elizabeth Kuney, Volunteer and Special Events Manager, if you have further questions at [ekuney@eastlakefoundation.org](mailto:ekuney@eastlakefoundation.org). ■