

The Path

2023-2024

Impact Report



A wide-angle photograph of a golf course under a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, a lush green fairway leads to a series of sand traps. A line of palm trees and other tropical vegetation stands in the middle ground, casting shadows on the grass. The background shows more of the golf course and distant trees.

Our Mission

To positively impact lives.



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Dear Path Supporter:

We are thrilled to present The Path Impact Report, a testament to your invaluable support and our shared commitment to positively transform the lives of the local youth and families of West Palm Beach.

At The Path, we firmly believe that every child deserves the best opportunity to succeed, regardless of their circumstances. Our mission is to positively impact lives and to guide these children to where they belong. We do this by providing them with a robust support system, instilling hope, inspiration, and confidence, and equipping them with the necessary resources, education, and opportunities that can truly transform their lives.

This report highlights our commitment to empowering and inspiring the next generation of leaders in West Palm Beach through our diverse and inclusive community outreach programs. It also emphasizes The Path's impact on the community, underlining our dedication to addressing the community's various needs.

You will discover that our community impact extends well beyond conventional boundaries—from our signature, after-school program, Fairway Finders, to ACE Academy, our career preparation internship, and our mobile extension of the Starting New at Golf Program, Mobile SNAG. We are committed to infusing the city with renewed purpose and enthusiasm.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and steadfast commitment to our cause. Your involvement has been integral to guiding these children along The Path to success. Together, we can continue to create a significant and lasting impact on their lives.

With gratitude,

Chris Williams

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Erik Waldin

Erik Waldin

The Path Committee Co-Chairs



Teeing Off

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Guiding Principles

The Path impacts the local youth and families of West Palm Beach through education, mentorship, and life skills development.

Commitment

The Path is a community outreach program dedicated to empowering and inspiring the next generation of leaders in West Palm Beach. We are a diverse and inclusive community that provides programs that build character and life skills, while introducing golf to the youth and families of our local community, ensuring no one is left behind.

The Path

Empowering the next generation



Creating
the path for success

The Need

The students we serve in The Path are from economically disadvantaged Title I schools that are not testing at grade level in reading (ELA), math, or science.

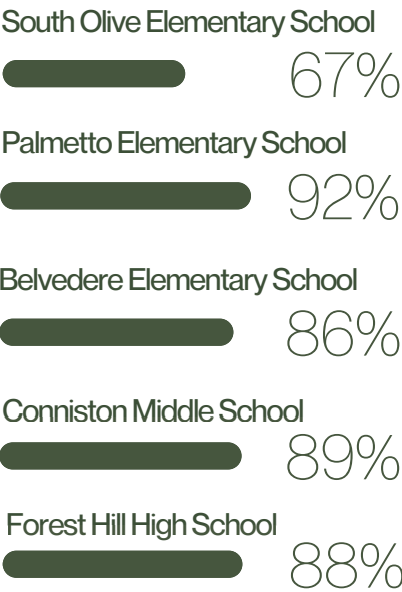
Percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in the respective testing areas:

	South Olive ES	Palmetto ES	Belvedere ES	Conniston MS	Forest Hill HS
ELA	57%	43%	32%	36%	35%
Math	51%	44%	32%	43%	28%
Science	44%	36%	26%	32%	60%

Economically Disadvantaged: State, district and school-level economically disadvantaged calculations in this section reflect the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) multiplier for eligible Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools.

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Minority Rate



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The Path Programming

Fairway
Finders

ACE
Academy

Mobile
SNAG

Summer
Camp

Mentoring
Program

Art &
STEM

Community
Outreach

82
Students

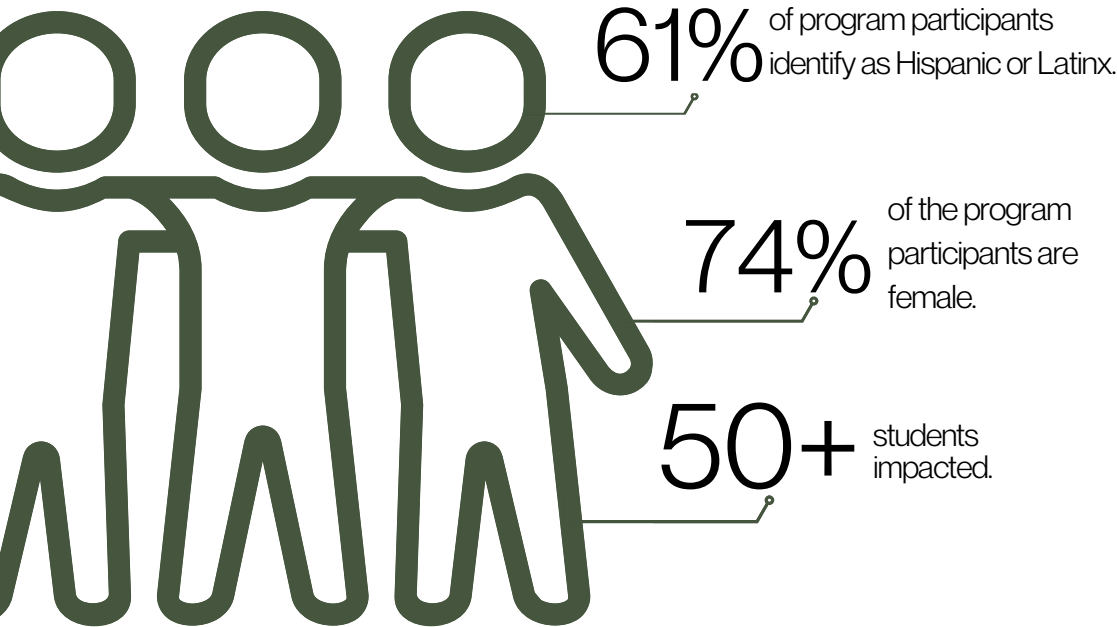
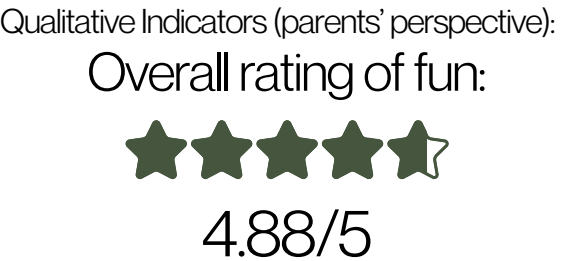
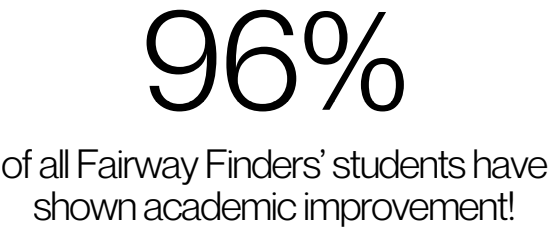
\$7,500
Per Student

80%
Retention

\$600K+
in total community
investment

Fairway Finders

In 2023, the inaugural Fairway Finders Program was launched, serving 40 students from South Olive and Palmetto elementary schools. In 2024, a third school, Belvedere, was added, expanding the program to support more than 50 children.



The curriculum is split between tutoring and homework help, physical education, and introduction to golf.



ACE Academy

ACE Academy is a signature program dedicated to developing future leaders through a comprehensive curriculum that includes career mentoring, college selection, resume writing, and more. This year, two students, one in Golf Operations and Merchandise and one in Food and Beverage, completed internships and secured summer employment, showcasing the valuable experience and skills gained through the program.



Mentor Program

Additionally, at The Park, mentoring is valued for its organic development rather than being forced. In their inaugural year, one teenage Path student collaborated with Coach Justin to pioneer the mentoring program.



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“Being the first female intern for the ACE Academy program has given me many professional and personal opportunities. Being placed in front of a wide variety of professional entrepreneurs and hearing their stories has motivated me to continue a path toward my career goals.”

- Gracie Xaros

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“The ACE Academy opened doors for me that I didn’t even know existed. It gave me the opportunity to become the best version of myself by motivating me to work harder.”

- Grant Bechtold

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“Being a mentor means being a sounding board, role model, and advisor. In The Path, mentoring is a privilege that allows us to positively impact a young person’s life. I’ve enjoyed my time with my mentee and look forward to the program’s growth.”

- Justin Martin, PGA



Art & STEM

Art & STEM programs at The Path have been an evening success. Since we launched in spring 2023, Art & STEM has served more than 35 community students on a weekly basis.



Mobile SNAG



Mobile SNAG (Starting New at Golf) introduces the game of golf through modified equipment and a fun atmosphere, which has significantly impacted our community. To date, more than 3,000 students have participated in this program.



Summer Camp



For six weeks, The Path provided 25 campers with full scholarships, along with the opportunity to participate in an all-inclusive summer camp that focused on the summer learning loss. In addition to educational activities, campers enjoyed team sports, golf instruction, and weekly field trips to various destinations all around West Palm Beach.



Parent Testimonials



Her first set of golf clubs brought her indescribable joy and excitement. Seeing Aurora's eyes light up was heartwarming, and I'm grateful for The Path's role in sparking her passion for golf.



Thank you for supporting my child's success.



The Path offers a wonderful program that really helps the children emotionally and educationally.



The opportunity that The Path has given to our children is something that they never would have experienced in everyday life. I am so grateful for The Path.



This program has been wonderful for my children. They are always asking me if it's golf today and, to me, that says a lot about The Path program. Thank you all so much for welcoming my children.



Thank you for having programs like these for kids that truly need it.

Community Outreach

The Path is dedicated not only to supporting need-based students but also to enriching the entire community. Here are some examples of how The Path is laying the groundwork for youth development:



Family Fun Friday

Every Friday night: A place for fun family time!



Outreach Friday

A program that offers teenagers golf education and life lessons.

More than a golf course.



Forest Hill Golf Team

The Path launched Forest Hill High's golf teams, providing home course..



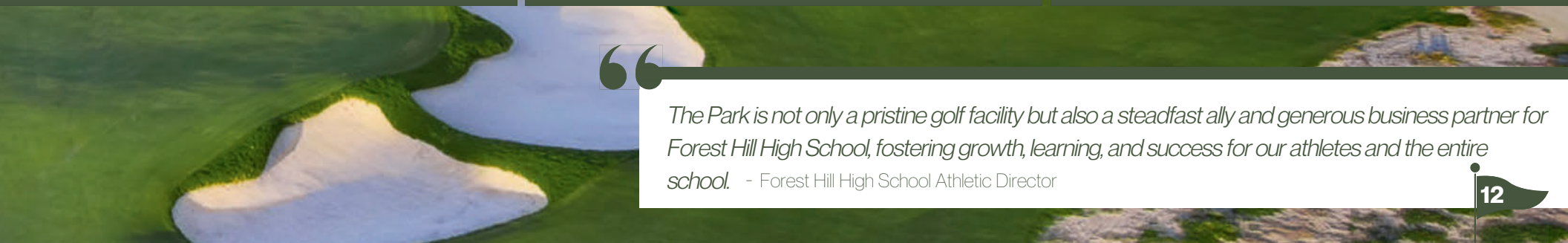
Movie Nights

Free movie nights on the 18th green for the community.



Hospitality Academy

In partnership with Forest Hill, our F&B Teams offer hands-on experience..



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The Park is not only a pristine golf facility but also a steadfast ally and generous business partner for Forest Hill High School, fostering growth, learning, and success for our athletes and the entire school. - Forest Hill High School Athletic Director

BEST SUMMER
THANK YOU!

Thank
you for a
great summer!
♥ Katie
Anderson

I had fun
JOSE

I had the best time
at golf! Cadence

Best summer
ever!!!

Thank you
for providing us
all with such an
amazing opportunity!
It was a summer
well spent.
♥ Karen
Howard



Thank You

Since our inception in 2023, The Path has remained committed to our goal of saving lives and investing in the West Palm Beach community. We are proud to have empowered the next generation of leaders by equipping them for the future, while introducing them to a lifelong game. Our impact has been significant, with more than \$600K invested in community initiatives. As we continue to pave the way for positive change, we invite you to join us on this journey. To learn more about our mission and how you can support it, please visit www.theparkwestpalm.com/give for giving opportunities. Thank you for your continued support.

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