

# CFEF raises funds through golf tournament and dinner to award CFISD students with scholarships



## B.F. Adam Golf Classic

To award scholarships to CFISD graduating seniors, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual

B.F. Adam Golf Classic on May 20, 2009 at BlackHorse Ranch Golf Club, 12205 Fry Road.

“The CFEF golf tournament is a fun and rewarding event, knowing that the funds raised are going to further a young person’s college education,” said Jerry Ashmore, member of the CFEF Board and co-chair for the Golf Classic. “It is a great opportunity for an individual or business owner to give back to the community, whether it be participating in the tournament or providing a service or auction/raffle item.”

As one of the largest non-celebrity charity golf tournaments in Houston, the B.F. Adam Golf Classic has raised more than \$1.3 million for student scholarships since 1992. During last year’s golf tournament, the Cy-Fair community provided tremendous support through participation in the tournament and/or providing a service or auction/raffle item, which allowed the CFEF to raise more than \$100,000.

This year’s four-person scramble golf tournament, which is underwritten by Towne Lake (A Caldwell Community) and the B.F. Adam family, will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration immediately followed by the opening of a putting contest and the driving range. Lunch, provided by Willie’s Grill & Icehouse, will start being served at 10 a.m. subsequently with teams on the golf course at 11 a.m. The tournament will conclude with a steak dinner, sponsored by Carl’s BBQ, and an awards ceremony. The Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Co. is the B.F. Adam Golf Classic beverage sponsor. Also sponsoring the event are Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, Attorneys at Law and Bay Architects who have contributed at the Platinum level.



To sign up for the event, go to [www.thecfef.org](http://www.thecfef.org) to print out a registration form or to apply online. Anyone interested in participating in the tournament should sign up early since space is limited.

The 2009 B.F. Adam Classic was named after lifelong Cy-Fair resident Bernard Fred Adam, who previously served as a CFISD school Board member for 24 years. More than three decades, the district opened B.F. Adam Elementary School, named in his honor for his outstanding contribution to education.

## Bogey’s & Boots Dinner/Auction

In addition to the B.F. Adam golf tournament, the CFEF has added another part to this year’s fund-raising efforts for student scholarships by scheduling a separate dinner and auction event filled with entertainment for members of the community. The CFEF will host its second annual Bogey’s & Boots Dinner and Auction event on Friday, April 24 at the Northwest Forest Conference Center, 12715 Telge Road, in the Settlement House.

“We must continue to raise additional funds needed for student scholarships, because that need has increased as a result of Cy-Fair ISD’s fast growth,” Ashmore said.

The proceeds from the fund-raising events allow the Foundation to award \$7,000, \$6,000 and \$5,000 scholarships to students from each of the district’s high schools. Students are selected based on financial need, academic achievement and community service experience. Totals from fund-raising activities determine the dollar amount and number of scholarships that are awarded to the students who are selected from each school. After submitting applications, typically due in February, students are required to include a personal essay, which is evaluated by a screening committee. Then finalists are referred to a scholarship committee that selects winners of the available scholarships.

The CFEF is a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with 57 elected volunteers who serve as trustees. The trustees are committed to raising funds for student scholarships and teacher excellence grants.

For more information about the Bogey’s & Boots event, or other CFEF programs and fund-raising opportunities, visit the CFEF website at [www.thecfef.org](http://www.thecfef.org).

## CFISD volunteers receive highest awards from TAPE

CFISD volunteers, whether they are individual people or business partners, donate numerous hours of their time to help students and teachers throughout the school year. For their dedication and commitment to students, three district volunteers and other exemplary partners and partnership programs across the state received recognition by the Texas Association of Partners in Education (TAPE).

During the annual TAPE Awards Banquet that was recently held in Austin, outstanding volunteers were awarded with either a Crystal Award or a Gold Award in four main categories: Community Partner Awards, Business Partner Awards, Individual Partner Awards and Partnership Program Awards. Selected based on criteria that placed emphasis on the impact and measured change in students’ progress, three CFISD volunteers were honored as Crystal Award Winners.



**Don Bollwinkle**, a volunteer at Yeager Elementary School, won the *TAPE Wisdom Award* in the Individual Partnership Awards category. This award is given to a senior adult over the age of 65 who assists schools, teachers and/or students in a manner that positively impacts student success. Bollwinkle spends two mornings out of the week working with bilingual and ESL students. His commitment to tutoring students has helped them demonstrate

high achievement on TAKS tests.

Also winning in the Individual Partner Awards category was **Clariza Rath**. She received the *TAPE Role Model Award*—an award given to an adult from a business, community or civic group who volunteers time in a school district and serves as a role model for students. Most notable in her volunteer work,



Rath has implemented specialized tutoring programs at Frazier, Metcalf and Bane elementary schools. She has also assisted the district by recruiting volunteers for the VIPS Global program to work at schools that have a great need.

In the Business Partner Awards category (which includes for-profit businesses and corporations), **CH2M Hill Engineering** won the *TAPE Career Education Award*, which recognizes a business or corporation whose partnership with a campus/district has had a demonstrated positive impact on student career awareness and development. CH2MHill has committed to be a partner with Holbrook Elementary School annually. Each year, a team of 12-14 members from CH2MHill visits Holbrook to host an Engineer Week. During this time, members present demos of hands-on science activities to Holbrook students in an effort to introduce them to the world of engineering. Funds are also raised annually to purchase at least 25 bicycles and helmets to give away to students during Christmas.



CFISD Crystal Award Winners, along with seven district award winners, will be recognized during the April school Board meeting and at the April 30 VIPS Luncheon.

The mission of the TAPE is to provide leadership and expertise for schools, families, businesses and communities to build partnerships that enhance student success. The Association has a 30-year track record of supporting its members in creating effective partnerships to enhance student success.