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letter from the young lawyers' president



Jeffrey M. Wank

By the time this article has been published, the Young Lawyers Section's 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will have already been successfully completed. The winners will likely be home celebrating their victory, and the participants satisfied with a great round of golf (at least we hope). But more importantly, our deserving charitable beneficiary, Habitat for Humanity of Broward County, will be thrilled with a sizable donation of over \$30,000 – exact donation will be published in next month's article...stay tuned!

This marks five consecutive years in which YLS has not only ran a sold out tournament, but also raised and donated over \$30,000 EACH YEAR to various

local charities which impact our Broward community. These amazing and deserving charities include Florida's Children First, HANDY, ARC Broward and Habitat. These charities exist to help children and families in need here in Broward County, and whom are most deserving and have a special place in our hearts. I have had the privilege of serving as the Golf Tournament Chair for many years. I have seen firsthand our tournament grow, and the direct impact our YLS Board of Directors and committee members have on bringing awareness to these organizations and the funds they receive. I can honestly say that being a part of the YLS Annual Charity Golf Tournament is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had since beginning my career in the legal profession and I'm sure that the YLS Board members and committee members who have participated feel the same. The YLS Golf Tournament not only provides a way to make a positive impact in our community, but it also provides a unique opportunity to work one-on-one with the charitable beneficiary, providing even greater insight into just how far the donation will go.

I try and live my life by asking the following questions on a daily basis: How will you be remembered and what impact will you have on this world? As members of YLS, we have the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. YLS is our vehicle to serve the community in ways which far exceed our law degree. YLS allows us to look in the mirror at the end of a long, stressful week, and realize we accomplished more than simply pushing papers or billing hours. Not every week will end with a tremendous court victory. But practically each week there is a different YLS/BCBA event (sometimes more than one) in which you can make a difference. From CLE lunches to breakfasts with the judiciary, from networking socials to charitable events, and so much more, you have the choice to further yourself, get involved, and help our community grow.

Thank you to our entire YLS Board of Directors and Golf Tournament Committee, under the leadership of Lauren Alperstein, Esq., Stacy Weissman, Esq. and H. Seth Rosenthal, Esq., for another successful YLS Annual Charity Golf Tournament. And thank you Habitat for Humanity of Broward and all sponsors and players for your continued commitment to our organization and this amazing event, **B**