



## Acworth Police Department Public Information Release

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On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Cobblestone Golf Course hosted two charity golf tournaments to benefit children and families who are in need this Christmas season. Both events were named for the late Judge James Tillman Payne, who was one of the founding members of the Men's Golf Association and had a heart for children in need. These tournaments were his creation, and each year, he played in the parent/child tournament with his grandson, Topper. The entire community was saddened by the loss of Judge Payne this year, but his wife, Aundrea, attended the event and his grandson played as well, accompanied by his coach. When we lose those we love and who had such a huge impact on our lives, we honor their memory by continuing the work that they began. These tournaments do just that.

The Men's golf tournament was held on Saturday and had 82 golfers in participation. On Sunday, the Cobblestone Junior Golf Association held their tournament in which 52 parents and children participated. Together, the tournaments raised \$2500 dollars and collected hundreds of toys for children in need. Terry Harnage and Joyce Wilcox from Cobblestone Golf Course organized the tournaments, and the overwhelming success of both tournaments is due to their leadership and their dedication to this community.

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Acworth Police Department will open their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Shop at the police headquarters. Parents and guardians from local schools who have been identified as being in need will have the opportunity to pick out gifts that have been donated for their children at the Christmas Shop. Over the past 3 years, Cobblestone Men's and Junior Golf Associations along with the Acworth Police Department have raised thousands of dollars and helped hundreds of parents to provide gifts for their children on Christmas morning.

Judge Payne was a great man who had a passion for helping others. He believed that, "No child in our community should wake up without gifts on Christmas morning." He was right, and he worked to make sure that belief became a reality. His legacy of selfless giving continues to provide for those in need even after he has left us. This year, we help our community in his memory. In doing so, we are all blessed to receive a gift that Judge Payne has given to us.

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