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Ponce Inlet Lions Plan Golf Tournament to Support FBH programs

~ Members put their talents to work to improve their community ~

DAYTONA BEACH – Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017 - The Ponce Inlet Lions Club will host a Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 1st, at Spruce Creek Country Club, to benefit Food Brings Hope. “Judi Winch, FBH Executive Director, established a great relationship with our club over the years. We are well acquainted with the services and programs FBH is providing to students in Volusia and Flagler Counties,” said Tom Bahleda, Ponce Inlet Lions Club secretary.

President, Shirley Okhovatian, noted, “During the first meeting of 2017, Lions’ members formed a committee to review charities focusing on improving our community. Our members come together to support many causes. In the past, we participated in various walks and other health related focuses. We like to partner fitness with fundraising. This year we want to concentrate on our young people. Most of our members have grandchildren, and we adamantly support them doing well in school. Within our chapter’s electoral process; children and their academic success, it was easy to stand behind Food Brings Hope’s mission. We hope this tournament will raise enough to help remove some of the obstacles children in Volusia County Schools are currently facing.”

Members of the Lions Club planning committee assembled on February 3rd to deliberate on raising funds to implement a Food Pantry at RJ Longstreet Elementary. The members decided on organizing a golf tournament. This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 1st at the Spruce Creek Country Club in Port Orange. This course is famed for its location within the Spruce Creek Fly-In community which is the largest and most lush fly-in community in the country. The Lions will serve as hosts for this day of fun and fundraising.

Rise early morning 7:30am for coffee registration and 8:30am Shot Gun Shamble, followed by lunch and a chance to win from an assortment of raffle prizes. Complimentary beverages will be provided on the pristine 18 hole course. Families of children enrolled in FBH programs are also invited attend and will be present during lunch to share about their experiences in FBH programs.

This competition is for the satisfaction and enjoyment of the players while giving back to the community. A portion of the \$75 entry fee will be donated to Food Brings Hope. The Ponce Inlet Lions are also accepting gifts and donations to support the Food Pantry. For more information on sponsoring a hole or participating in our golf tournament contact Tom Bahleda 386.492.5280. Your donation will benefit FBH programs and students.

About Lions Club International:

Established in 1917, inspired by founders personal motto, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, Ponce Inlet Lions Foundation is a non-profit 501 © 3 organization.

About Food Brings Hope

Food Brings Hope (FBH), a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, provides collaborative solutions for families with children who experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources. FBH's mission is to nurture the mind, body

and spirit of underprivileged children in our community. Among other services, **FBH** offers school based programs (termed **KidsZone** in elementary schools and **TeenZone** in the upper grades) that provide meals, tutoring and activities for at-risk students. FBH also facilitates enrichment activities such as Nutrition Days and Hands On Banking Programs along with field trips to local educational destinations and events. At FBH, 100% of all donations go directly to the programs that support students in need.

For more information about Food Brings Hope, please visit www.FoodBringsHope.org or contact Shelley Brathwaite, Program Coordinator, at (386)843-1161 or Shelley@FoodBringsHope.org.