

Monthly Divot

December

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Winter Update

We're halfway through our first winter session at the PGA TOUR Superstore. Participants have been working on their swings, playing games on the simulator, and rolling putts.

Be on the lookout for future programming opportunities!



Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day is coming up on December 9, and any gift made between now and that date will count toward our total.

If you are considering a year-end contribution, we hope you'll support First Tee – GVR. Your generosity helps us continue offering quality programs and opportunities for young people in our community.

Thank you for keeping First Tee – GVR in mind during this season of giving. Click the button below to donate today!



[Click here to donate!](#)

PGA Tour Superstore
Giftwrapping and Discount



Stop by the Westminster PGA TOUR Superstore for your holiday shopping and have your gift specially wrapped by a First Tee - GVR participant!

First Tee - GVR families get **15% off their purchase** December 13th & 14th! Make sure to mention this discount when checking out.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FIRST TEE - GVR

SATURDAY

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10AM-3PM

5650 W 88TH AVENUE



It's Finished: The Honor Wall



The Honor Wall at the Patrick H. Hamill Learning Center continues to grow, and the latest updates have made the space look better than ever. We're excited to share a new photo that shows the completed layout and the impact of everyone who has already contributed.

There is still room for families who would like to be part of this project.

A \$250 donation adds your family's name to a paver brick placed in the center walkway, creating a lasting tribute in a space visited by every participant and guest who comes through our doors. The gift can be spread over three years, and it qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit, saving you up to 35 percent.

If you'd like to reserve your brick, please contact Program Coordinator Charlie Hall at CHall@ColoradoOpen.com.

Participant Corner

This month we're highlighting Cruz Abeyta, who joined First Tee – GVR for the first time this year. Cruz has shown steady improvement on the course and has stepped confidently into new opportunities, including the GVR Caddie Program. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and positive attitude have made him a standout in his first year with us.

Here's Cruz in his own words:

"This was my first year participating in the First Tee program at GVR, and I worked with at least four different instructors. All of them were highly trained, knowledgeable, mentoring, and patient. We worked in groups of our own age and sometimes individually. I'll add that I had never had prior golf experience, but with the help of the coaches I quickly learned that I could do this and that I enjoy it.

Because I didn't have my own golf set, they were kind enough to lend me a set temporarily until I secured one on my own. I tried out for my first tournament during my first year in the program. Unfortunately, it was not my day to qualify, but there is always next year, and I plan to return.

After gaining confidence through the golf program, I joined the Caddie Program at GVR. This program is highly competitive, and in the beginning I thought I wouldn't have many opportunities to work. I soon learned that to work as a caddie you need to have knowledge of the game of golf, so my experience playing golf went hand in hand with the training. I was taught to be efficient and to do things the right way the first time, but more than anything, not to forget to have fun. Manners are number one on the golf course, and everyone is nice and polite. I made friends with everyone I caddied for, and I felt like I had co-workers in the golf shop, the cafeteria, and with the outside staff who cleaned the carts. People recognized me and made me feel like I belonged there. It showed me that if you really want to be there and work hard, there is a place for you.

I want to thank everyone at both First Tee and GVR for their kindness and willingness to give me the opportunities I've had this year. I am sincerely grateful."



Donor Spotlight



Charles Schwab Challenge Grant

The Charles Schwab Challenge Grant is a national matching program that strengthens First Tee chapters by encouraging local fundraising and long-term community support. Through this program, Schwab matches a portion of the dollars raised by each chapter, which helps expand access, deepen impact, and build sustainable programming for young people.

First Tee – GVR has been part of this initiative since its inception in 2022, and the support has been significant. Over that time, we have received more than \$110,000 in grant funding. These resources help us offer consistent programming throughout the year, including in-school and winter sessions, and outreach events that serve kids across our community.

This partnership reflects a strong belief in the work happening at our chapter. It helps keep programs affordable, supports quality coaching, and allows us to reach more families who can benefit from the life skills and confidence our curriculum builds.

We are grateful for Charles Schwab's commitment to First Tee and for the difference this support continues to make for our participants and families.

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