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First Annual Bruce Kaplan Memorial Golf Tournament Raises \$15,592

OCALA, Fla. (Mar. 26, 2025) – The first annual Bruce Kaplan Memorial Golf Tournament, held on Friday, February 28, at Stone Creek Golf Club, was a resounding success, raising \$15,592 for the Reilly Arts Center, the home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

“Our friend Bruce loved the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and he was a frequent visitor at the Reilly,” said Cindy Stelmar, Co-Chair of the golf tournament Steering Committee. “We deeply appreciate the strong support of our sponsors, volunteers, and the entire Stone Creek community which came together to remember Bruce and support the performing arts in Marion County.”

The tournament, hosted by members of several Stone Creek Community Clubs and friends of Bruce Kaplan, brought together over 85 golfers for a day filled with sunshine, competition, and remembrance. The event, set on the beautiful greens of Stone Creek, was a testament to the spirit of giving, with all proceeds benefiting the Reilly Arts Center’s mission to provide exceptional arts experiences to the Ocala community. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the sponsors, golfers, and volunteers who made this event possible. Top sponsors of the event include Florida Express Waste & Recycling and Regions Bank.

"Never underestimate the impact that a passionate group of volunteers can have. We had no doubt that when this committee was formed in Bruce's memory, that they would host a successful event. The committee has truly helped carry on the vision that Bruce had before his passing, and we know he would be thrilled with the final results. The Reilly Arts Center is so grateful for their volunteer service, and for this generous contribution to our organization." shared Natalie McComb, executive director.

Bruce Kaplan was President of the Stone Creek Culture Vultures, and a frequent visitor to the Reilly Arts Center where his wife, Barbara, sings in the Ocala Symphony Orchestra Chorus. He was also an active member of the Stone Creek Community Theatre and performed in numerous productions. Bruce was an avid golfer and co-founded “The PuttHeads” a golf social club at Stone Creek. Bruce is fondly remembered as a warm, caring and enthusiastic member of our community with his signature phrase, “Living the dream.”

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About the Reilly Arts Center

Located just 5 blocks from Ocala’s Historic Downtown Square in picturesque Tuscahill Park, the Reilly Arts Center is Ocala’s home for the arts and live entertainment. Featuring state-of-the-art acoustics and production equipment, the 705-seat venue hosts an eclectic assortment of events, concerts, meetings, and parties and has become a hub for the arts in Ocala. In addition to being the home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and

producing local, regional and national acts, as the new flagship center for arts and culture in Ocala, the Reilly is committed to being an active and accessible venue in our community. The organization also brings live performances, movies, music, and art to Ocala's Marion Theatre in Downtown Ocala. To learn more visit reillyartscenter.com.