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Residential Students to Assist at Highfields Golf Outing

Six of Highfields' residential treatment students will help out at Highfields' golf outing on Monday, June 8 at Forest Akers West.

Highfields' Residential Treatment Program is designed for boys ages 11-17. Some of the major focuses of the program is to promote positive adult interaction and to teach social skills and responsibility to the boys. Each of these goals is attained when the boys help out at events like these.

"Any kid who is in a residential setting or dealing with adjudication, it's nice for them to give back," said Darryl Scott, the manager of operations in Highfields' Residential Treatment Program. "It works on their compassion and giving for others."

This is the second year residential students will help with the golf event. The idea was to bring Highfields' mission to the forefront of the outing.

"Last year, there was a lot of positive interaction between [the boys] and board members and other key stakeholders," said Derek Hitchcock, Highfields' director of residential services. "The kids had a great time. It uplifted their spirits to do something new and different."

According to Scott and Hitchcock, another positive outcome for the boys is the opportunity to expand their world view.

"It's a good experience, going to a college campus environment and meeting with people who have achieved enough to actually be donors," said Scott. "You never know what could open somebody's eyes to make them think, 'hey, I could do that.'"

The golf outing occurs every June as a way to educate the community about Highfields' mission as well as to bring in donations that will go toward Highfields' programs. This is the 35th annual golf outing, making it Lansing's longest running golf outing. Last year's event brought in over \$40,000.

Highfields is a human services nonprofit organization serving 11 Michigan counties through their residential treatment program, community services and educational services. More information about Highfields can be found at www.highfields.org

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