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Spring Fundraiser at Topgolf to Benefit The First Tee of Tampa Bay

Tampa, FL (Jan. 26, 2016) – [The First Tee of Tampa Bay](#), a program of the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#), is proud to announce [springSwing](#) – an inaugural spring fundraiser. Taking place on Thursday, April 21st from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Topgolf Tampa, springSwing will benefit The First Tee's youth programs throughout Hillsborough County.

FOX Sportscaster and former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Rondé Barber will serve as tournament host and NBC Sports Golf Announcer and former PGA TOUR Golf Professional Gary Koch is the honorary chairman. [RP Funding](#), a direct mortgage lending leader, is the title sponsor of the event. "At RP Funding, we are firm believers in giving back to our community," says President & CEO Robert Palmer. "We are excited about being the title sponsor and supporting the thousands of children in The First Tee's programs."

At springSwing, up to 34 teams of six players will compete at Topgolf at 10690 Palm River Road in Tampa. Experienced and novices alike are welcome to participate. In addition to the actual competition, there will be many fun activities and surprises throughout the evening. "With many local businesses leaders and community dignitaries expected to attend, springSwing promises to be a great networking opportunity and a fun time – all while supporting a worthwhile cause," says The First Tee of Tampa Bay Executive Director Ian Baxter.

The First Tee of Tampa Bay is a non-profit youth development organization that provides thousands of children each year with hands-on, interactive golf experiences along while introducing them to The First Tee's Nine Core Values, Nine Healthy Habits and Life Skills Experience. The First Tee of Tampa Bay shows children that golf is more than a game – it's an opportunity to become the very best they can be.

For more information and to register, visit www.thefirstteespringswing.com or contact Ian at ian.baxter@tampaymca.org or 813.238.7320. Media members wishing to cover the event should contact lalita.llerena@tampaymca.org or 813.545.7772.

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About The First Tee of Tampa Bay

The First Tee of Tampa Bay, an official program of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, provides more than 50,000 children each year with hands-on, interactive golf experiences. Through the game of golf, The First Tee of Tampa Bay provides young people educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices. Whether through introductory programs in 100+ Hillsborough County public schools, afterschool programs at several local courses, or week-long summer camp experiences, The First Tee of Tampa Bay shows children golf is more than a game-it's an opportunity to become the very best they can be. www.thefirstteetampabay.org

About the Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for more than 126 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage more than 160,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org