



# Gateway PGA Foundation

## Mission Statement

*The Gateway PGA Foundation strives to grow the game of golf while recognizing those who have contributed to its rich history. The path of the Foundation will be made visible by a commitment to engaging our youth through financial and emotional support. Particular emphasis will be placed on those who have fewer advantages in our communities. To achieve its goals, the Foundation will use its expertise in the game of golf and seek additional support from the sporting community as well as fellow sports associations. The Gateway PGA Foundation will leave a mark in our neighborhoods and a lasting imprint on all those who are touched.*



The Gateway PGA Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization, was created in 2007 by the Gateway Section PGA. The Gateway Section PGA is one of forty-one geographical offices that forms the PGA of America. The PGA is the world's largest working sports organization. It is comprised of 28,000 men and women golf professionals, who are the recognized experts in growing, teaching and managing the game of golf.

The vision of the Gateway PGA Foundation is to reach out and connect with the underprivileged youth in our communities by mentoring, introducing the game of golf, and providing advanced educational opportunities. The Foundation will utilize Gateway Section PGA golf professionals, community support and fellow sports associations with this endeavor.



Baseball Hall of Fame Member, Osborne "Ozzie" Smith, is the new Gateway PGA Foundation President. He will join Michael Murphy, David Ault, Jeffrey Field, Gregory O'Shea, and Joshua Riley on the Gateway PGA Foundation Board of Directors. Ozzie Smith's love of the game, and his passion towards helping the underprivileged, have led to a partnership that will forever change the face of St. Louis and the Gateway community.

### *Introducing the Game of Golf*



PGA Golf Professional Joe Dodich  
at Imagine Academy of  
Environmental Science and Math

The Gateway PGA Foundation has partnered with the Imagine Academy to introduce the game of golf to local youth through its In School Program. 90% of the Imagine Academy kids are at, or below, the poverty level. The Foundation provides the youth with its PGA golf professionals to present golf in a way that is fun and enjoyable. The PGA Professionals meet and teach these students a game that is, often, a new experience in each of their lives. This program has enabled an atmosphere where the students have an

opportunity to learn a skill and discipline that can be enjoyed and improved upon throughout their lives. This program also serves as a springboard to including golf as part of the physical education curriculum.

### *Providing Educational Options*

The Gateway PGA Foundation Scholarship program was established to provide college scholarships to youth who cannot afford the cost of tuition. It is the Foundation's purpose to help lessen the financial burden on individuals from low income families. Since its inception, the Gateway PGA Foundation has awarded some \$30,000 to approximately 30 students. The scholarships are awarded yearly to high school individuals meeting certain criteria to be considered for this great college financial award.



### *Mentoring through Golf*



The Gateway PGA Foundation Mentor program promotes the development of athletic skill while encouraging the cultivation of skills that can be used in everyday life. Gateway PGA Golf Professionals are driven to invest time, knowledge and energy to help the youth gain self confidence, improve their social skills and prepare for their future. With Ozzie Smith's help, and a dedicated board and committee system, the Gateway PGA Foundation will embark upon a mission of changing the outlook for youth in our community

### *Hall of Fame*



**Bob Goalby**  
1968 Masters Champion &  
2000 Gateway PGA Hall of  
Fame Inductee

The Gateway PGA stands very tall with the many great men and women who have served our area; men like Bob Goalby, 1968 Masters Champion and 2000 Hall of Fame inductee. It is the Foundation's responsibility to document and pay tribute to those who have achieved so much in our golfing community. The Gateway PGA looks to grow in its ability to pay proper respect to all PGA Professionals who fit this honor in the Gateway Section PGA.

The Gateway PGA Foundation will raise funds to benefit the Scholarships, In School Program and Mentoring Programs, as well as future endeavors that will benefit the local area children from low income families. The Gateway PGA golf professionals, in conjunction with Fox Run Golf Club are working together to bring the first fundraising event of the season. Fox Run Golf Club will host a Pro-Celebrity Tournament and a fundraising dinner on June 16-17, 2010. The fundraising dinner will take place the night before the main event on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Pro Celebrity tournament will take place the following day; winding up an event that promises to bring a collection of notable figures and entertainers.

### *Fundraising Efforts*



**Fox Run Golf Club**  
Host of the 2010 Gateway  
PGA Foundation Pro-Celebrity