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First Tee – Greater Philadelphia Celebrates Grand Opening of New Youth Learning Center

Philadelphia, Pa. (October 24, 2024) – First Tee – Greater Philadelphia celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Michael J. Brown Learning Center at Walnut Lane Golf Club. Back in April, the clubhouse at Walnut Lane began a major 3.3 million dollar renovation. The new learning center, located at 800 Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128, will serve as the organization’s hub for golf, education, and leadership development for local youth. The grand opening took place on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 3 p.m. and was open to the public.

The new facility represents First Tee – Greater Philadelphia’s commitment to fostering youth development and building character in a supportive environment. Complete with a classroom and two indoor golf simulators, the learning center will allow the organization to provide year-round access to its programs that emphasize the development of life skills.

“This new learning center will transform our ability to teach our programs in a safe and welcoming environment as we continue to reach more youth in Greater Philadelphia,” said Board President, Michael Brown. “Let’s continue to work together to change the lives of kids, one swing at a time.”

To commemorate the grand opening, a program was held, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony, tours of the new facility, and other celebratory festivities. Program speakers included First Tee participant, Antonella Ferrer, 6abc Action News anchor, Matt O’Donnell, First Tee – Greater Philadelphia Board member, Mike Quick, Councilman Curtis Jones, Blair Christian Academy Executive Administrator, Kia DeBrady, Walnut Lane Golf Club’s Director of Golf, Kyle Spaulding, First Tee – Greater Philadelphia CEO, William Hyndman, Board President, Michael Brown, and Global Leadership Academy Founder & CEO Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker.



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Programs at the organization's 22 program locations throughout the Greater Philadelphia area are designed to be accessible to all youth, regardless of their golf experience or financial background.

For more information about the grand opening event or to learn more about First Tee – Greater Philadelphia, please visit <https://firstteephiladelphia.org/> or contact info@firstteephila.org.

About First Tee – Greater Philadelphia

First Tee – Greater Philadelphia is one of 150 First Tee Chapters across the U.S. and select international locations. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf. First Tee – Greater Philadelphia impacts over 45,000 kids and teens each year, through programs delivered at 22 locations, and 105 schools and youth centers throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. Learn more at <https://firstteephiladelphia.org/>.

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