

Adaptive Golf Program for Disabled Persons

(OVERLAND PARK, KS) What started out as a chance meeting with an amputee golfer at the driving range, turned into a non-profit in 2004 to support those in need. Buddie Butterfield met and talked with that amputee and later came up with the idea for Buddie's Buddies Adaptive Golf. The non-profit group offers children, adults and veterans with mental and/or physical challenges, the opportunity to practice and play golf. Headed by Buddie Butterfield an Air Force veteran and avid golfer, the charity does more than offer the adaptive golf clinics... "It's a chance for a lot of these folks to get outdoors, away from the confines of everyday life!"

In 2007, Buddie's Veterans Adaptive Golf Clinics was developed with the full support of the Kansas City VA Hospital. Golf can be learned and enjoyed by anyone, regardless of age or disability, gender or economic status, therefore, we need your help to expose and involve more disabled veterans and active duty personnel injured in the line of duty, to our adaptive golf programs. Our instructional and educational golf programs follow PGA and USGA teaching guidelines, USGA Golf Rules and PGA Etiquette. We administer positive life skills enhancement values inherently connected to golf by utilizing the core values of the game. Since its inception in 2007 they have had more than 120 people go through the course.

At the end of the year the charity puts on an Amputee Golf Tournament as a fund raiser and is open to the public. You don't have to be an amputee to play, but it might help, as the winner for the past few years is an amputee. This year the event takes place on Friday September 16th. The event is open to amputee and able-bodied persons alike. Last year the tournament offered prizes and giveaways to its participants in excess of \$10,000.00.

For more information contact Buddie Butterfield at (913) 381-4237 or go online to download an application form for the tournament at: www.buddiesbuddies.org

Buddie's Buddies ~ Where Your Only Handicap, Is Your Golf Handicap!