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**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
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“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO FIRST TEE PROGRAM”

~ Building Game Changers by Empowering Kids and Teens to be the Best Version of Themselves ~

By Ray Crawford

The Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made a \$1,500.00 donation to fund the First Tee of Coastal Carolinas Program. The funds were raised by the lodge during their recent Annual Charity Golf Tournament held at the Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club in Sunset Beach, NC.

First Tee is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, they create active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids can carry forward in life. They are “Building Game Changers” through their junior golf programs. Visit <https://FirstTeeCoastalCcarolinas.org/Programs-2/> for more information about the program.

The Calabash Elks Lodge has been a local landmark of the area since 1984. With over 700 members, the lodge has become a cornerstone of the local community for the past 38 years. The emphasis of the Elks Lodge is on conducting Youth Programs, - Serving our Veterans, and - doing Charitable Work in the community in which they live and work. Since 1984, the Calabash Elks have generously contributed over \$750,000 to local charities and Community projects. To learn more about the Calabash Elks Lodge, or to find out how to become an Elk, visit their web page at www.CalabashElks.Org

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The Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made a \$1,500.00 donation to fund the First Tee of Coastal Carolinas program. Pictured above in the foreground are the participants of the “Tuesday First Tee,” a Coastal Carolinas’ after school program at the Sandpiper Bay Golf Course in Sunset Beach, NC. Standing in the back row presenting the check are: (Left to Right) – Terry Mauney, First Tee Program Manager; - Ray Crawford, Elks Golf Committee and Lodge Member; - Ed Sackal, Elks Golf Committee Co-Chair; – Richard Kascsak, Head Golf Professional at Sandpiper Golf and Country Club; and – Joe Tads, First Tee Instructor.

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