

Sheet Metal Workers #16 raises cash for Willamette Valley cancer group

CRESWELL — Members of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 and their signatory contractors raised \$3,300 at a golf fundraiser for the Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter of Candlelighters for Children With Cancer, a support group for families affected by childhood cancer.

The inaugural Tin Knocker Scramble Golf Tournament was held at Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell. The tournament was organized by the Sheet Metal Workers Benefit Fund, a non-profit organization newly created to provide assistance to union members, their families, and others in need.

FM Sheet Metal Inc. and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association-Columbia Chapter sponsored the post tournament banquet. Many contractors, local businesses, and individuals in the community sponsored holes and carts and donated prizes. The HVAC & Metals Institute donated a flat screen television



as a raffle prize. Local 16 union rep Del Brown won the TV, then donated it back for auction. It sold for \$900.

In the photo above, Robyn Thompson (left) co-chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Candlelighters, accepts a check from golf tournament chairman John Tillotson, who is the head instructor for the HVAC & Metals Institute-Eugene Campus.

Thompson's husband, Mike, is a Local 16 member employed at Harvey

& Price Mechanical Contractors. Her son, Jordan, was diagnosed with leukemia nine years ago, but is in full remission. "Sheet Metal Workers are the best," said Thompson. "They allowed me to stay home with Jordan while Mike went to work."

Support for the tournament was very strong, Tillotson said. "The event should continue to grow every year. It was nice to see union sheet metal workers and their industry partners give back to the community."

The second annual Tin Knocker Scramble is already scheduled for Aug. 14 at Diamond Woods Golf Course in Monroe.

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