

ST. LOUIS SWEET 16TH...A SWEET SUCCESS!

St. Louis – St. Louis celebrated their “Sweet 16” at the 16th Annual OHF Charities 2000 Golf Classic and Auction, on Saturday, September 10th. In honor of 21 year old Natalie Berra who has PHI. Natalie was not slated to be able to attend this year because of college commitments at The University of Dayton, Ohio. She surprised all by popping into town the night before! She brought along her childhood girlfriends who have supported Natalie and the OHF since age 5, to stand by her side! Traveling from colleges across the states!

This event took place despite the summers brutal heat, which burned the greens at the original venue. Which caused a golf course change 3 weeks before the event, and the weather predictions for the day of heavy thunderstorms! Ironically, Not One drop of rain fell! A miracle in itself. Thank you to The Gateway National Links for hosting this special event with such short notice. Two of St. Louis Muny Star Opera Kids, 13 year old Abby Metz and 11 year old Gabby Galore performed a spectacular rendition of the National Anthem in honor of OHF and the the upcoming September 11th date of 911! They were awesome! Way to go girls! You can see a link of there performance on our OHF Website!

The golfers were welcomed by A very special guest and honorary chairman, Mr. Whitey Herzog aka “The White Rat” and A Member of The Baseball Hall of Fame, whom is inundated with charity commitments. We are fortunate, he believes in the OHF and our cause, and comes back year after year to show his support! We are so grateful to Whitey and his family who stayed and played the tournament, and even won a Skins round! Natalie Berra presented Whitey with her autographed Baseball, and told him “This is a One of a Kind Collector’s item!” Whitey was truly amused! And wished Natalie and all with PH a cure!

Everyone enjoyed a great day on the course, including lunch, raffles, and the auction that sported a Gigantic Handmade Wooden Gun (Thanks, Uncle Pat!)...which was a hit in the photo’s on the golf Course (Thanks to Gloria & Pals!) The day wrapped up in the clubhouse, with a delicious dinner and great deals on the silent auction.

Tim Berra said, “The hardest thing to do is to ask other’s for help. But, when I see my daughter who is doing well, and the research is ongoing to find a cure, it is all worth it!. As We are the “Lucky Ones”.. and others are not so fortunate”. The Berra’s displayed the OHF articles of The OHF Families whose journeys are quite difficult...and told all you “Not only help Natalie, but these children and families...Whose journeys are much more difficult then ours!”

The Berra’s would like to graciously thank all of their friends, family, honorary chairman and all the corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, who tirelessly continue to show their love and support! Heidtman Steel, Emerson Electric, Nidec Motor, Steel Dynamics, Coral Chemical, U.S. Steel, Eagle Bank, Lewis,Rice, Fingersh, Suntrup Automotive, Adler Custom SignWorks, The Proctor Family, The Mariani Family, Garvey’s Grill..And all, whom we are with us Year after Year! Our Volunteers~Your The Best!