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Annual Tournament Goes Virtual due to Pandemic

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SUFFOLK, Virginia – City Treasurer Ronald H. Williams announced today that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the players and volunteers, his annual Treasurer’s United Way Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, September 18th at the Sleepy Hole Golf Course has been cancelled. Pictures and videos from previous tournaments will be posted to his website and Facebook page making this year’s event virtual. “As with so many other special events and functions, this year’s event will go ‘virtual’ in an effort to keep some semblance of tradition and to endeavor to raise critically-needed funds for local agencies”, Williams noted.

“This year’s tournament, which would have been the 25th annual event, was on track to raise well over \$20,000 for the United Way of South Hampton Roads, with many of those dollars flowing to local agencies in Suffolk”, said Williams. “While golfers won’t be able to meet in person to enjoy the day and raise funds for such a worthwhile cause, I will be reaching out to players and sponsors in hopes that they will be able to support the United Way of South Hampton Roads.”

The tournament, which historically attracts well over 100 golfers, has generated more than \$500,000 for the United Way of South Hampton Roads since its inception in 1994. Proceeds from recent tournaments have been designated to the Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS), the Genieve Shelter, ForKids, the Western Tidewater Free Clinic, Suffolk Meals on Wheels, the Suffolk Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts of America, the Suffolk Cheer Fund, the Suffolk Unit of the Boys and Girls Club, the Suffolk Sickle Cell Foundation, the Suffolk Education Foundation, and more. Anyone who would like to support this year’s virtual tournament should contact Shirley Snead, Chief Deputy Treasurer and the tournament’s coordinator.

Williams noted that he is hopeful that the circumstances will have returned to a sense of normalcy by this time next year, and has reserved the Sleepy Hole Golf Course for the 26th annual tournament on September 17, 2021.