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## Des Moines area golf outing raises \$60,000 for charities

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The 16th annual O'Donnell and Friends Open at Toad Valley Golf Course this year raised some \$60,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa and Shoes that Fit.

The open, which started as an outing for a group of family members and their friends, has raised just less than a half million dollars over the years for area charities.

Jim O'Donnell, spokesman for the family, said money raised in other years has gone to organizations such as Link Associates, Hospice of Central Iowa, Camp Sunnyside, Orchard Place, Kavanaugh House, Ronald McDonald House, Alzheimers Association, American Diabetes and the Special Olympics.

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The event this year was held Friday.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa serve youth 5 to 18 years old, providing after school programs as well as all-day programs during school breaks and summer vacation.

Shoes that Fit was established to provide needy elementary school children with clothing such and shoes and coats.

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