Feature Story: Fore! Golf for Greenville Shatters Fundraising Record with $670,000 for Area Charities

Fluor’s 2018 Golf for Greenville charity golf tournament raised a record-breaking $670,000 for three South Carolina charities. More than 450 participants played the event at The Cliffs at Glassy, Keowee Vineyards, Keowee Falls and Mountain Park golf courses. Golf for Greenville also included a number of other community events to help fundraise for charitable causes.

More than 120 Fluor volunteers contributed thousands of hours to organize and operate the tournament, handling everything from event planning to securing sponsorships, prizes and auction items.

The 2018 charity recipients include Greenville Free Medical Clinic, Goodwill of the Upstate & Midlands and Make-A-Wish South Carolina. Proceeds from the tournament will provide:

- New ophthalmology equipment for the Greenville Free Medical Clinic, an integral part of the Greenville healthcare community.
- Quality primary care to 4,000 uninsured patients.
- An 8,000-square-foot facility in Greenville to serve as Goodwill Industries’ Youth Services Campus, which will continue to provide 94 youth ages 16-24 with mentorship and essential career exploration opportunities.
- At least 20 “wishes” through Make-A-Wish Foundation, which serves Upstate children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions.

“Those agencies provide a wide variety of services to those in need, and the proceeds from this year’s tournament will help fund projects that will make a difference in our community for years to come,” said Ronald Jackson, Supply Chain manager and Golf for Greenville co-chairman.

Since the tournament’s inception in 1989, Fluor’s Golf for Greenville has raised more than $5.7 million for charities in the greater Greenville, South Carolina area. To learn more about Fluor’s Golf for Greenville, visit: golfforgreenville.org.
Fluor Partner Profile: From Classroom to Construction

Imagine a raindrop falling over the United States Continental Divide. The slightest push of wind can send that raindrop in completely different directions, to either the Pacific or Atlantic Ocean. High school students are similar; sometimes all they need is a little exposure and encouragement to completely change their life trajectories.

This is the goal of the Houston Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentoring Program, a collaborative effort designed to bring the construction industry, educational institutions and local community together to expose high school students to the worlds of architecture, construction, engineering and the building trades through design projects.

Fluor’s Sugar Land office is the newest host location for the Houston ACE program, bringing together 30 students from 10 high schools throughout Fort Bend County. During the program, student teams work directly with professionals from the architecture, engineering and construction industries to design hypothetical projects, tour construction sites and visit offices.

“Not only do the mentors help students complete real design projects and drawings, but they discuss what it takes to become an architect or engineer and tips on navigating through college or trade school,” said Steven Polansky, Project Controls specialist and ACE mentor. “Most of the students are gearing up for college, but aren’t sure about what they want to do or even what their options are. Mentors can help them get an understanding of what career options they want for themselves and how to achieve it.”

Students meet on a weekly basis and have the opportunity to develop a technical and commercial response to one of three requests for proposals for a fictional client. Industry mentors teach basic concepts on everything from foundation design to scheduling. At the end of the school year, students can choose to submit their proposal response to a national competition in Washington, D.C., or in a city-wide competition. This year, students could choose from one of three projects: design a solution for a modular, expandable home, redesign an inner-city school or revitalize an urban block.

Two Fluor-mentored teams participated in a city-wide competition - one showcased its design for a modular, expandable home and the other presented its concept on inner-city school rehabilitation. One Fluor team made it to the competition finals out of 40 total teams, which put them in the top five teams in all of Houston. The team’s concept of a flexible, modular home was inspired by a shape found in nature, a honeycomb.

The ACE program ran from October 2017 to May 2018. Ten employee volunteers met with their teams weekly to help mentor and develop design projects, giving nearly 600 hours of volunteer time.

To learn more about the ACE Mentor Program, visit acementor.org for more information.
Fluor Cares Profile: School Refurbishments in Guinea, Africa

Fluor’s commitment to make a sustainable impact in communities where employees live and work is evident in Kamsar, Guinea, where Fluor employees recently completed the renovation of two elementary schools.

The two schools, Kassogny 1 and Maman Henriette Conte, each serve approximately 1,400 students. The schools were unsafe and in need of refurbishment, with damage to the roofs and floors and minimal common facilities. The school grounds were subject to routine flooding due to improper drainage, and roads to the schools were in disrepair.

Fluor worked with its client, a major bauxite exporter in Guinea, to identify the schools and then partnered with contractors for the renovation. Work at both schools included new roofs and bathrooms, structural and concrete repairs, landscaping, painting and road improvements. At Maman Henriette, the team also dredged the clogged drainage system.

Fluor managed the renovation project, in addition to making material contributions for the roof replacements, various concrete works and new furniture. Local carpenters built 400 three-seat desks for students, as well as desks and chairs for teachers. In total, Fluor contributed $100,000 and 400 volunteer hours.

“Seeing the faces of the children sitting in the new desks and in the refurbished classrooms is a memory that I will never forget,” said Randy Brodzik, Fluor’s construction manager. “Fluor desires to leave a lasting legacy in Guinea. I truly am Fluor proud knowing that this project will improve the lives of more than 2,000 children each year.”

In addition to the refurbishments, Fluor, its employees and the client provided 300 backpacks and school supplies to three local schools during this year’s Building Futures program.