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## **First Tee – Canton Celebrates 20 Years of Positively Impacting Kids and Teens in Stark County**

*Celebration Planned for August 18<sup>th</sup>*

**CANTON, OH (April 12, 2022)** – First Tee – Canton, a youth development organization that helps kids and teens build their strength of character through golf, will celebrate 20 years of impact in Stark County in 2022.

A celebratory event will be held on August 18, 2022, in recognition of this important milestone for the organization and the community. The event will be hosted at First Tee – Canton located at 2525 25<sup>th</sup> St. NE in Canton and will be a free event for the community from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Food trucks will be available along with tours of the facility, activity stations and giveaways. Sponsorships are available.

“First Tee – Canton would not be what it is today without the support of the community and the generous donors and supporters,” states Executive Director, Angela Palomba. “We hope that everyone that has impacted this program in some way will join us in August to help us celebrate our past, honor or present and plan for the future.”

Since receiving the chapter license in 2002, First Tee – Canton’s programs have positively impacted more than 15,000 kids and teens, providing them with experiences that help build their inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience, and prepare them for the future. Using the game of golf as the platform, participants learn critical life skills to help them grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

“First Tee has been an extremely positive experience for my son in so many ways. Not only has he learned how to be a better golfer, even greater in my eyes are the social skills and confidence he has gained,” said parent, Jodi Hoover. “From the coaches to the staff and volunteers, everyone has been kind and encouraging. I am so grateful for this organization.”

First Tee – Canton is one of 150 chapters across the First Tee network. These character education programs are offered at golf courses, schools, and youth centers in all fifty states and six international locations.

For more information on First Tee – Canton, visit [FirstTeeCanton.org](http://FirstTeeCanton.org) or call 330-452-5331.

**About First Tee – Canton**

First Tee – Canton, a youth development organization, is one of 150 First Tee chapters across the United States and in select international locations. Our mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf at in-school and after-school programs. Learn more at [www.firstteecanton.org](http://www.firstteecanton.org).

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