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Baldwin County Education Coalition's First Major Fundraiser Raises Over \$25,000

[Monday, September 23, 2013] – Baldwin County Sewer Service is very pleased to announce that the Inaugural Baldwin County Education Coalition Golf Classic brought in over \$25,000, directly benefiting the Coalition to support all Baldwin County Schools. It was a huge success, as the tournament sold out and everyone had a fantastic time. Jenny Williams of BCSS declared, "We look forward to our continuous partnership with the Coalition and Baldwin County schools in repeating this fundraiser for many years to come!"

The event kicked off with a delicious BBQ lunch, complete with salad and desserts, as players registered and purchased their "survivor kits" which included mulligans and red tee busters. Players purchased golf balls that gave them the possibility of winning cash which split the total donations between the winning player and the Coalition.

Following lunch and registration, Event Chairman Commissioner Tucker Dorsey thanked everyone, and Mrs. Alabama Tara Hooper dropped about 100 purchased golf balls from a bucket truck. Ball #5 went straight into the hole and its owner, a Wind Creek Casino team member, won \$250. Fortunately, it was a gorgeous day, with a low chance of rain, and even though it was rather hot, Bud Busch Distributing provided plenty of cold beverages on the course. Players also enjoyed fun games throughout the tournament, such as putting around a toilet bowl on one hole, and closest to the pin on another hole. Other contests included chances to win hole-in-one prizes like a Yamaha Golf Cart or a Robalo boat, courtesy of Sportsman's Marine.

After the golf concluded late that afternoon, everyone gathered back in the Clubhouse for Rock Creek chef's delectable, complimentary seafood gumbo, bread pudding and beverages. While awards were announced, door prizes were collected and final speeches were presented by Baldwin County School Superintendent, Dr. Alan Lee and Baldwin County Education Coalition Executive Director, Terry Burkle. The top winners were as follows: 1st place- Wind Creek Casino/ PCI Gaming, 2nd- Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, 3rd- Baldwin EMC and 4th- Morgan's Ice.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this memorable event, especially our sponsors!

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For more information on the Baldwin County Education Coalition, visit <u>betterbaldwin.com</u>. To inquire about and register for next year's tournament, contact Jenny Williams at (251) 971-1516 or jenny@baldwincountysewer.com.