

The Tuesday Thymes

October 3, 2017

Fresh Thyme Gives Back

For the month of September we have done a Round Up in stores to support both Mission 22 and Warriors Heart. But that's not all! Fresh Thyme hosted our 3rd annual Fresh Thyme Giving Tree Golf Classic on September 20th at Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont, IL. All of our proceeds are benefitting Mission 22 and Warriors Heart. If you don't know all the good both of these organizations are doing, check out their web pages and social media to learn more. We are very proud to support our veterans and help spread the message that we are losing our veterans, the men and women who are fighting to keep our daily freedom, to suicide. Both Mission 22 and Warriors Heart have fantastic programs for veterans and their families. With our support and donation, we are able to save lives and give back to those who fought for us.

This is our first year doing the Round Up and our third Golf Classic. This year the Round Up generated a HUGE donation of \$178,969.89! That donation is only generated from our customers "rounding up" and donating their change. What a donation! Thank you to every employee who rounded up on their own Fresh Thyme purchases and thank you to each of you who talked about Mission 22 and Warriors Heart with our customers. A special shout out to our top 3 stores for the round up, very nice work! The third highest donation, totaling at \$4,036.34, was from our round up was from store #309, Westerville –nice work! The second highest donation, totaling at \$4,023.35, was from store #609, North Canton—good job! And the highest donation, totaling at \$5,972.72, was from store #605, Farmington—way to take the lead on this!

It is impressive to watch our donations grow each year and exciting to see just how impactful a cause such as this is to our vendor partners. After our 2nd Golf Classic (last year!), Gallo Wine was so moved by the stories shared by veterans and what our donation of proceeds was able to do to help, they took it open themselves to create a program benefitting Mission 22. The program was scheduled to run through Thanksgiving or until they reached the \$5,000 donation mark. We saw our customers not only help with our Round Up but also took to this program and we reached the \$5,000 donation mark after only 3 weeks of the program! Our vendor partners at Gallo were excited to give Mission 22 the check for \$5,000 at our Golf Classic and we are proud to work with such

like-minded business partners.

Left, Mission 22 and the team from Gallo pose with the Gallo proceeds check.



Above, Mission 22 and Warriors Heart share their story



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Golf Classic Continued

What a treat!

Jim Cornelison joined our Fresh Thyme Giving Tree Golf Classic. He sang the National Anthem before jumping in a golf cart and participating in our golf outing!

Right, Jim Cornelison singing.



Above, Jim smiles with our Design Manager, Pam, after singing. Right, Mission 22 stops for a picture with Jim before it's time to golf!



Congrats on Your Promotion!

Tom Albrinck, Store Director, Newport KY (801)

Justina Shirley, ASD, St. Louis, MO (405)

Welcome to the Team

Katya Osina, Accounts Payable Clerk

Tyler Degenhardt, ASD, O'Fallon, MO (403)

Current Job Opportunities:

Are you looking for an opportunity to move up and take on new & exciting challenges? Let this be the best career thyme of your life! Check out these great positions we're actively hiring for right now:

BDR Inventory Manager

Financial Planning and Analysis Manager

Floral Category Manager

Accounting Analyst

Brand Engagement Specialist

Bakery Category Manager

Meat & Seafood Category Manager

All interested applicants should apply online at www.freshthyme.com



Giving Tree Foundation

Thank you to each of our team, customers, and vendors for such impressive support of our Giving Tree Foundation and our beneficiaries, Mission 22 and Warriors Heart.

Chris Sherrell,

President & CEO



Above, Chris (in the middle in blue striped shirt) hands checks for \$225,000 to both Mission 22 and Warriors Heart at the conclusion of our Golf Classic!

till next week... Let the good thymes roll!

