



Good Morning and Welcome to the 64th Buddy Fund Golf Classic and Auction!

THE SCHEDULE:

- 8:30am: Check in Starts
- Eye-opening breakfast
- Bloody Mary Bar Open
- Last opportunity to purchase Speed Pass
- Pick up your participant gift and Raffle ticket for the awesome door prizes!
- Bourbon Raffle
- 10am: Shotgun Start
- On Course Beverages carts are available throughout the day
- Boxed lunch served mid-day on the course
- Hole in One and Putt with a Pro
- On Course Games throughout the day
- Fun Photo Opportunities
- Online Auction and Fund A Need going on right now!
- If you have not pre-registered, it is easy to hop on the secure site to view and bid on items while you are out on the course. The auction will close at 10pm today. Don't miss out – Check it out here NOW!

<https://www.32auctions.com/buddyfund2026>

AFTER GOLF, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE OUTDOOR VENUE:

- 3pm: Open Bar
- Food provided by Pappy's Smokehouse.
- Rene Knott, Emcee
- Guest Speaker:
 - Maribeth Mees, Vice President
Tower Grove Soccer Club
- Live Fund A Need
- Flight and Contest Winners announced/
prizes distributed
- Bourbon Raffle Winner Draw
- Jersey Raffle Draw
- Putt with a Pro Drawing
- Door Prize Winner Draw—Your raffle ticket is stapled on this program. Must be present to win!
- Auction closes @ 10pm tonight
Winners will be notified by text/
e-mail. Options for pick up of your
auction items are listed on the
auction site.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VIEW GREAT
AUCTION ITEMS:



Just by you being here today allows at-risk underserved youth to participate in sports and recreation activities!

From all of us at the Buddy Fund, THANK YOU very much for your support!

Sullivan Erger and Sam Norton, Tournament Co-Chairs
Joan Rejda-Heath, Anne Brauer, and Cassie Bianculli, Auction Co-Chairs



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The 64th Annual

Buddy Fund Golf Classic & Auction



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Forest Park/Norman K. Probstain Golf Course
Friday, September 18, 2026



Changing Lives Through Sports.

Who We Are

The Buddy Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity helping St. Louis area children without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. It was founded in 1962 by St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Hawks player/sportscaster Buddy Blattner to help redirect the lives of underserved and at-risk kids by supplying new sports and recreation equipment to charities and organizations in our communities.

Our Vision

We serve our local at-risk youth in partnership with dedicated schools, recreation, and youth organizations by providing new sports and recreation equipment to create opportunities for development of their physical and mental health, confidence and character, teamwork and respect for others, and academic expectations and personal responsibility.

Accomplishments

This year is a record year of providing sports equipment and supplies to 197+ youth organizations that have direct access to the underserved, at-risk youth.

Since 1962, cumulative efforts by The Buddy Fund have helped over 500,000 youngsters and provided more than \$5,000,000 in sports and recreation equipment.

A Note from Buddy's Daughter Barbara

Dad's lifetime in sports made it extremely clear to him ... sports participation keeps boys and girls "off the streets," teaches them teamwork, develops their self-esteem and accustoms them to success (and failure) and to abide by rules and regulations. Young lives are improved and their odds of success as an adult are significantly enhanced.

Dad had broadcast over 800 St. Louis Hawks NBA basketball games and to show their appreciation the team showered him with multiple gifts at a special "Buddy Blattner Night" at Kiel Auditorium. He was overwhelmed by the generosity and struck with an idea. What if he returned the gifts for cash and founded a Sports Charity for needy, at-risk underserved youth. That's exactly what he did, and the Buddy Fund was born.

I want to express gratitude to all who made Dad's dream a St. Louis tradition: to those sporting goods manufacturers who provide sports and recreation equipment at a deep discount to support Buddy Fund operations; to organizations who sponsor fund-raising events such as today's golf outing; to Buddy Fund Board members and committees whose leadership has enabled 63 years of success, and to the thousands of individual supporters whose contributions have positively impacted the lives of over 500,000 boys and girls since 1962.

Dad died knowing the Buddy Fund was going strong and his family is thrilled and grateful that more and more young lives are being improved through sports and recreation participation. If he could be here today, he would be repeating his heartfelt thanks and shaking hands with each and every one of you.

Thank you so much,
Barbara nee Blattner Young



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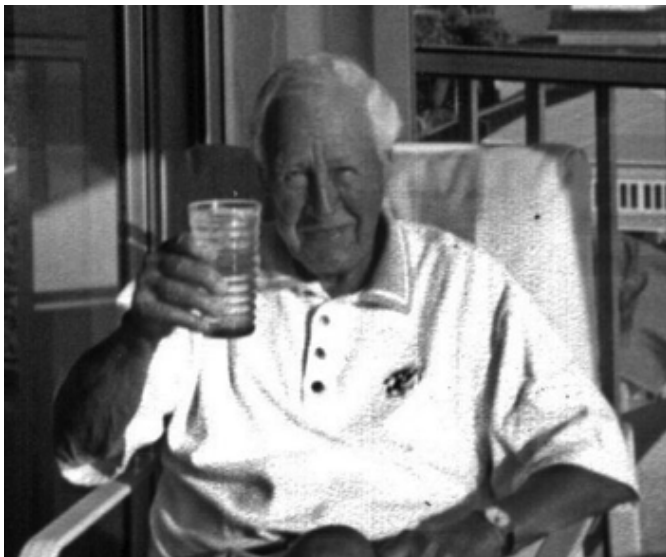
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Buddy Blatner, 1920-2009

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