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Hi all,

Happy New Year!

I just wanted to send a quick note out to once again thank everyone for being a part of the Siena Rugby Memorial Golf Tournament and for your generosity while at the tourney. As I mentioned in a previous email, thanks to all of you, we raised over \$12,000 at the golf tournament this year. Below I will outline some of the donations we have made with the proceeds from this tournament in the names of Terence McShane and Mike Taddonio.

Catholic Family Charities- every year we sponsor at least 2 families at Christmas through the Catholic Family Charities. This is always the largest contribution that we make. The gifts we buy are the only gifts that these kids receive at Christmas. We are given "wish lists" from each child and some of the dedicated Siena Alumni go shopping and purchase all the gifts for the kids. We also purchase gift cards at a local supermarket so the families can have food at Christmas. This year, we sponsored 2 families. The first family is a single mom with 2 kids who had to move into a smaller apartment before the holidays because she couldn't afford to continue paying the rent at the previous location. The second family has three children and had recently fallen on hard times and could not afford any Christmas gifts for the kids this year. This is always a very rewarding experience.

Hope 7 Community Center- this is a community center located on the east side of Troy, NY. They provide daycare, after school care, a soup kitchen and a food pantry for the Troy community. They also assist families in need during the holidays.

Troy Boys & Girls Club- in addition to always being involved in the community, this boys & girls club also adopts families at Christmas and continues to create programs to keep kids off the streets.

Siena College Library- we contributed to the purchase of a Microfilm Digital Scanner that the Library will use for the microfilming of the student newspaper and other important documents.

SAFE (Sports Are For Everyone)- This is an organization that provides sports activities for disabled kids in the Capital District. They play baseball, basketball, etc with the help of volunteers and the games are literally the highlight of these kids' lives.

Saints Alive/ Siena Athletic Dept- we continue to support Saints Alive which benefits all the Athletic Programs at Siena College.

Fr. Kevin Tortorelli OFM Scholarship- Fr. T has been a friend and mentor to many of us over the years. He has also been a huge supporter of Siena Rugby. We can't think of a better way to honor Terence and Mike (and Fr. T) than with a contribution to this scholarship.

We will keep you updated as we find additional charities/organizations that could use our help. Again, all this is possibly thanks to your generosity.

Mark you calendars now for the 2009 golf tournament that will be held on Friday May 1, 2009. Also, please plan on sticking around for the annual Alumni Rugby match on Saturday.

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful 2009. See you in May.

Siena Rugby Alumni Board