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The Rotary Club of Sedona Village welcomes pledges and sponsorships for golf teams playing 100 Holes of Golf on November 7 at Oak Creek Country Club. This golf tournament, which is specially planned to keep all golfers safe during the COVID pandemic, benefits both Rotary Club of Sedona Village projects and the Special Olympics Golf Program of Northern Arizona.

The Rotary Club of Sedona Village, formed a little over 3 years ago, has become a driving force for bringing a sense of community to the Sedona Village area. Just months ago, the club started a community garden on the grounds of the Big Park School campus. A fence has been installed, the grounds cleared of weeds, paint is being applied to the buildings and the first fruit trees will be planted at a community workday on Oct 24. The club plans to have raised beds available for community members to plant vegetables in the spring. The Club also supports leadership programs and summer camp scholarships for youth along with creek cleanups, programs at Sedona Winds and more.

The 100 Holes of Golf tournament also benefits the Special Olympics Golf Program of Northern Arizona. Heather Risk, the Head Golf Professional at Oak Creek Country Club, grew up in a family with 21 foster brothers and sisters, many with special needs. Heather's little sister had Down's Syndrome. Heather started volunteering with Special Olympics at age 11 and it has been a passion ever since. "The Special Olympics participants are athletes," says Heather, "and the competitions building social skills as well as provide camaraderie, a sense of family, and the best thing ever...smiles, excitement and fun!" Funds raised for Special Olympics Golf will be used to help fund the monthly tournament green fees, travel, supplies and gear.

Your pledges can be made by using the donate button on the www.SedonaVillageRotary.org web site. Details about sponsorships are available on the 100 Holes of Golf page on the web site. All donations are tax deductible and those over \$75 will receive a receipt for the IRS.

Rotary Club of Sedona Village meets twice monthly on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30AM via zoom and welcomes new members as well as volunteers to the community garden work crew. Contact president Jennette Bill at president@VillageRotary.org for questions or information.