

Aces for everyone in memorial tourney

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NARRAGANSETT - The golf tournament and auction last week in memory of Katie DeCubellis, the Narragansett girl killed by a drunk driver, netted \$51,000 for scholarships and substance-abuse programs and a hole in one for one of the players.

Besides raising money for the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation, the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Golf Tournament, at the Valley Country Club, in West Warwick, provided Kimber Wheelock, of Narragansett, with a new Volkswagen Beetle.

He won the prize by scoring a hole in one on the sixth hole.

Besides golf, the event incorporated an auction that included a bidding war over a U.S. Open flag autographed by Tiger Woods. Final price: \$3,000.

We never imagined that we could raise over \$50,000 from the event, said John DeCubellis, Katie's father and executive director of the foundation.

Since Katie's death, we have been overwhelmed by the love and compassion of our family, friends and the entire community, he said. I suppose we should stop being surprised by their generosity and support.

Proceeds from the event will be used to further the foundation's objectives, which include awarding scholarships, developing and supporting programs that enhance educational opportunities and the quality of life for young people in Narragansett, and promoting a statewide public awareness campaign on the dangers of substance abuse and drunk driving.

Katie DeCubellis was 13 years old when she and her friend's mother, both from Narragansett, were killed by a drunk driver one year ago this month.

The second annual memorial golf tournament and auction has already been scheduled for next September.

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