

SAVE THE DATE



We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating our **27th Annual GBVCB Golf Tourney** on **Wednesday, June 29th, 2022** at the scenic Pinehills Golf Club!

When our tournament was established over 27 years ago it was founded on two tenets: Being together and finding a hospitality-driven charitable cause that we could donate **some** of the proceeds to. As we forge ahead, armed with the power of our newly created TDMD that we all worked together to form, **some** isn't enough. **All** of the proceeds from our tournament will now go to the charitable partner.

As we all have sadly heard, our Vice Chair and longtime GBVCB member Darryl Settles, his wife Lisa and their daughter Taylor, tragically lost their 15-year-old son and brother Preston in late February. Preston was playing in a basketball game, a sport that he loved and excelled in, when he collapsed. Unbeknownst to Preston's family, he had a condition known as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy which caused this episode and, ultimately, his passing after a courageous three-week battle with his family and friends at his side, and the unwavering support of medical professionals at Tufts Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital.

The Settles Family has created the **Preston Settles Memorial Fund** to drive more awareness for this relatively rare condition, and to provide an opportunity for all high school athletes to have access to cardiograms that can catch congenital heart issues that can be deadly even if they don't include clear symptoms. In the true spirit of hospitality, and their fervent need to help others, the family has since created this fund. How fitting then, for us to come **together to help** for one of our very own. As such, all proceeds will go to their foundation. While this is just a small outward sign to the Settles family that their grief is ours, we want them to know that the entire Greater Boston hospitality community is there for them.

Please, mark your calendars now. Let's come **together to help** in a way that only our membership and our friends can. Preston was an amazing, spirited, and magnetic young man; we need to celebrate the impact he had on all those he met in his short time with us!

Sponsorship will be first discussed with those that supported last year. We will then reach out to others. We will be sending out some exciting new initiatives in the coming weeks.

Can't wait to be **together to help** with all of you ... no ZOOM allowed!

**Martha Sheridan | Hilina D. Ajakaiye | Terrilynn Haak | Carrie Campbell |
David Colella | Paul Swartz | Maureen Foley | Erin Gilroy | Dan Donahue**