

Heritage Society

With 6 victories on the PGA TOUR, and a 30+ year career as a national golf broadcaster, many people might view those accomplishments as being Gary Koch's most important contributions to the game of golf. Yet it is the way that Gary has helped grow First Tee – Tampa Bay into one of the largest Chapters in the country that may perhaps be his enduring mark on the game.

No other sport places the same emphasis on individual values like the game of golf. Players learn honesty through keeping their own score; integrity by calling penalties on themselves; and respect by taking turns and maintaining the course. At First Tee – Tampa Bay, young people learn that these same values (honesty, integrity, sportsmanship,

respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment) can be translated into success at home, in school and throughout life.

First Tee – Tampa Bay is using the game of golf to build character, teach life skills, and encourage healthy, active lifestyles for all children from the Tampa area. This is why Gary has planned to include the First Tee – Tampa Bay in his estate plan. We hope that you will join us in ensuring that the next generation of young people will be prepared for the challenges they might face in life. With a goal of reaching tens of thousands of young people each year for decades to come, First Tee – Tampa Bay needs your help.



“Please join me on the First Tee – Tampa Bay Heritage Society to make a positive impact on our young people, both now and in the future.”

- Gary Koch, First Tee - Tampa Bay Governance Board Chair

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LEAVE A LEGACY

Think about the values that have been important in your life. Who instilled these values in you? Do you want to ensure those same values are passed along to others?

Charitable gift planning ensures that First Tee can continue to impact the next generation of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

The following guidelines are available to assist you and your attorney, accountant or financial planner.

Donate Now

Make an immediate impact on the lives of those in your community by donating today. Gifts received directly impact the youth of today, ensuring they are prepared for the future. Donations ensure all can participate in our programs regardless of financial status and ability to pay. Heritage Society Members will be listed in our Annual Report unless requesting not to be. First Tee – Tampa Bay is a program of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, a Florida nonprofit corporation, exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Shares of appreciated stock held long-term may be donated directly to charity without realizing capital gains. This allows a donor to potentially avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated security while receiving a charitable income tax deduction for the value of the donation.

Naming First Tee – Tampa Bay as a Beneficiary of Insurance Policies & Retirement Plans

An opportunity for individuals to name First Tee – Tampa Bay as the beneficiary of funds from an irrevocable trust, life insurance policy, 401k or other retirement plan.

Bequests through Wills/Trusts

A Charitable Lead Trust is a legal instrument into which you irrevocably transfer ownership of cash or other assets such as securities. First Tee – Tampa Bay will receive income payments and you will receive a charitable income tax deduction for the amount of this gift. After a fixed term of years, the trust assets are paid to the donor or donor's beneficiaries. The First Tee will accept designation as an income beneficiary of Charitable Lead Trusts. First Tee – Tampa Bay is not able to serve as Trustee.

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