



## For Immediate Release

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### Team Shaan Foundation Donating Gifts to Help Local Kids in Need

(Louisville, KY, August 13, 2020) - One of the few things that COVID-19 has not stopped is the game of golf. Fortunately, the Team Shaan Foundation was able to host its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Golf Outing on August 1, 2020. A full field of golfers came together in a socially distanced way to support kids in our community.

The Team Shaan Foundation, 100% volunteer-based, was formed by five friends to honor their close friend Ra'Shaan Willis, who passed away in the devastating flood in the Louisville area in 1997. Hearts were broken again in December 2017 when Shaan's only sibling, Ra'Tonya, suddenly passed away. The Team Shaan Foundation (or TS for Tonya and Shaan) has raised nearly \$1M to support youth in the Greater Louisville area. Many non-profit charities have benefitted, including the Center for Women and Families, Norton Children's Hospital, St. Xavier High School, Best Buddies of Kentucky, The Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies, Love City, and many others. A full list of agency recipients can be found at [Team Shaan Foundation](#).

This year, with the unique circumstances our world and community are facing, the TS Board of Directors wanted to be thoughtful about which agencies and areas received funds. TS will be making gifts to support youth within our community around the ongoing realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and social injustice. The following gifts will be made:

#### **First Tee of Louisville - \$10,000**

- To provide a free and safe place for children in need to learn by providing Wi-Fi, teachers, and nourishment.

#### **Louisville Urban League - \$10,000**

- To support closing the educational gap of distressed families in low income areas affected by the pandemic, including buying groceries, Wi-Fi hot spots, computer equipment, etc.

#### **Neighborhood House - \$10,000**

- To expand Youth Development and Family Coaching programs to support families and offer a safe, reliable place for kids to participate in non-traditional instruction, as well as additional resources.

#### **St. Xavier High School Scholarship Fund - \$5,000**

- This endowment provides tuition assistance for needy young men, regardless of race, religion or nationality, who desire a Catholic education at Saint Xavier. This award has been created to remember Shaan's incredible love for his community and to remind us of his belief in the power of diversity and that all things are possible.

#### **WAVE 3 Pass the Cash - \$5,000**

- This weekly feel-good segment on WAVE 3 hosted by Dawne Gee allows community members to nominate someone in need to receive a modest cash gift to help them get back on their feet.

Building on Shaan and Tonya's giving spirits, Team Shaan is helping those in need and inspiring others to do the same.

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