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**The Bourke Family Foundation to Host Fourth Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser**  
*Proceeds to help provide solar reading lights to communities in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Chapel Hill, NC – (Sept. 2019) On Monday, September 30th, The Bourke Family Foundation (TBFF) will host their Fourth Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Governors Club, 11000 Governors Dr, Chapel Hill. To date, the Fundraiser has raised over \$1,000,000 thanks in large part to support and engagement of the community. Proceeds have directly benefited our “Lights for Literacy” program to provide solar powered lighting solutions to Sub-Saharan Africa to promote literacy and education.

“This tournament is a fantastic opportunity for community members to come together and have a fun day on the golf course while supporting a great cause”, says Ed Bourke, co-founder of TBFF. “We believe that by promoting literacy, we can give children the tools they need to empower themselves, their families, and their communities.”

Tournament participants will enjoy a variety of competitions in addition to 18 holes of golf in a 4-player scramble format with tee time taking place at noon. Prizes can be won for a variety of contests in addition to prizes for the winning and losing teams. A silent auction will take place along with additional raffles followed by a dinner reception and live auction.

“Our goal is that one day, not one mother, child or teacher will lack the basic necessities to survive and opportunities for education. We have seen the impact each light has on a child through higher test scores, greater confidence and participation in school, along with a decrease in student dropout rates”, says Larry Gates, CEO of TBFF. “Our programs need support like this tournament to continue delivering sustainable, long-term solutions that provide those in need with the basic necessities for life.”

In 2018, TBFF was able to provide 22,000 solar room lights across Botswana, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Zambia, and Haiti. This year, TBFF hopes to provide even more solar room lights to children and solar panel systems to light up libraries across Sub-Saharan Africa. Their stand out accomplishment hopes to be the building of a library, fully installed with solar panel light systems. Brigid Bourke, co-founder of TBFF says, “Lighting a library doesn’t just change the life of one child, it helps transform an entire community.” TBFF’s “Lights for Literacy” program has delivered over 55,000 solar powered room lights to secondary school children in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Botswana and Haiti. Additionally, TBFF has provided and helped with the installation of over 140 solar panel systems to light school libraries in Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

**About The Bourke Family Foundation:**

The Bourke Family Foundation is a 501(c) 3 approved non-profit organization founded in 2011 by Edmond, Gigi, Nicole, Madison, and Jacquelyn Bourke. The Bourke Family Foundation’s mission is to facilitate essential sustainable solutions to nurture a better life. We believe that by providing the essentials, families will be empowered to reach their greatest potential. For more information on TBFF, visit [www.BourkeFF.org](http://www.BourkeFF.org).

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