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9th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Johnston Community School Foundation

Calling all golfers, companies and individuals who believe in the strength of the Johnston school system and who have a passion for golf. The Johnston Community School Foundation is sponsoring its **9th Annual Golf Tournament Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Tournament Club of Iowa. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.**

The Foundation is a non-profit organization, which was founded in 1998 to support programs that offer opportunities for students reaching beyond the scope of our school system's regular funding.

The mission of the Johnston Community School Foundation is to secure, manage and provide resources for our community of learners with the purpose of maintaining, enhancing, and promoting educational and personal excellence.

The Foundation's outreach in 2007-08 included fulfilling and approving over \$60,000 in grant requests from Johnston district teachers. The grant money went to work supporting the Johnston school district by providing:

- \$50,000 to enhance classroom libraries in each of the five elementary schools
- \$5,000 to purchase used band instruments for fifth grade students throughout the district and to repair the equipment as needed
- \$4,000 to underwrite the visitation of author, Diane deGroat to all elementary schools. Diane serves as an inspiration to children and their writing efforts.
- \$750 for a handicap accessible swing at Lawson Elementary
- \$1,500 for a bullying & harassment speaker to present at the Middle School

Please join the fun! Non-golfers can still play a major role by sponsoring a hole or donating fabulous prizes. For questions, to donate or to register to golf, contact Sarah Marckmann, 276-7235.

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