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### Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation And Knights of Columbus Seneca Council 6884 Presents \$15,000 For Special Olympics Area 13

On December 4, 2020, Knights of Columbus, Seneca Council 6884, and Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation presented Dianne Russom, Special Olympics Director for Area 13 (Oconee and Pickens Counties) with a check for \$15,000. Due to the Coronavirus, the Knights annual Golf Tournament was cancelled. Letters were sent to players, donors and sponsors explaining how they could contribute donations to Oconee Special Olympics. Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation without hesitation immediately, contributed \$5,000. Quickly, 56 corporate sponsors, individuals and players contributed \$10,000! These funds support the activities of Special Olympics athletes including the games held at Clemson University in the spring of each year.



### Special Olympics Winning Team

(L to R): Don Thurlow, (KofC District Deputy), Rheel Desroches, (KofC Golf Committee), Rick Hamilton, (KofC Golf Chairman), Dianne Russom, (Special Olympics Area 13 Director), Doug Brune, (Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation Board), Brian Lamb, (KofC Council 6884 Grand Knight), Brian McGhee, (Oconee Federal), Curt Evatt, (President/CEO, Oconee Federal Financial Corp).

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH CAROLINA**

Special Olympics South Carolina's mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Since 1994, the annual Special Olympics Golf Tournament has generated over \$289,000 in funds supporting this great cause.

For this year's contributions, Rick Hamilton, Golf Chairman said, "Our corporate sponsors, players and individuals made these donations without any solicitation other than the information within the Golf Tournament cancellation letter. This just demonstrates that during exceedingly difficult times, people in Oconee and Pickens Counties step up to support great causes and we thank them".

### **About Oconee Federal Savings and Loan Association**

Oconee Federal is the continuation and outgrowth of the Seneca Building and Loan Association which was chartered by the State of South Carolina in February 1924. The Charitable Foundation was created June 2013 and is a 501(c)(3) organization.

### **About the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's leading fraternal and service organizations, with 2 million members in more than 16,000 parish-based councils. During the past year, Knights around the world donated more than 77 million service hours and \$187 million for worthy causes in their communities. The organization also offers extensive life insurance services to members and their families, resulting in more than \$114 billion of life insurance in force. Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors offers investment services to individuals and institutions in accord with Catholic social teachings. From helping children in need, to providing wheelchairs for the disabled, to helping stock food banks, to offering top-rated and affordable insurance products to its members, the Knights of Columbus has supported families and communities for more than 138 years.

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