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Prattville YMCA to Host 28th Kevin Turner Golf Tournament



PRATTVILLE – The Prattville YMCA will host the 28th annual Kevin Turner Golf Tournament on May 12 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill, Prattville YMCA officials announced.

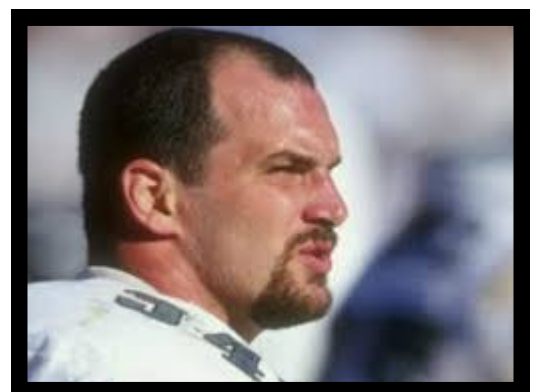
Kevin Turner went through a five-year battle with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), which was triggered by CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy), a disease that hits home with many Crimson Tide players from that era who witnessed it first with Turner and more recently with former Tide running back Kerry Goode.

Turner, a Prattville native who starred at Alabama in 1988-91 and in the NFL for eight years, loaned his name to the tournament after participating in sports at the YMCA in his early years and attended the event before his battle with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, led to his untimely passing in March, 2016. He made a brief appearance at the 2015 tournament with guest host Gary Hollingsworth, a former Alabama quarterback and teammate of Turner. After Turner’s death, the Turner family was honored as the second guest host.

Since then, the tournament has had former Turner teammates as guest hosts, including Siran Stacy (2017), Antonio Langham (along with Andrew Zow in 2018), Sherman Williams (2019), Martin Houston (2020), Roger Shultz (2021) and Preston Gothard (2022). former Auburn running back and coach Carnell Williams (2023), and Chris Mohr and Chris Stewart in 2024. The announcement of the 2025 host will be made in March.

Proceeds from the tournament help fund the Coach A Child campaign which provides financial aid to make YMCA services available to all persons regardless of their inability to pay. The Prattville YMCA has provided financial aid to more than 3,500 individuals, many of them children, at a cost of more than \$400,000. This year, the goal is to raise \$285,000 for the Coach A Child Fund Campaign, part of which is funded with proceeds from this year’s golf tournament.

For more information or on how to enter this year’s tournament, contact Keith Cantrell, at 334.799.3054.



"Kevin loved the Prattville YMCA and he loved all the things that the Y was able to do," Cantrell said. "And he wanted to make sure that nobody was turned away due to their inability to pay so we started this tournament to raise money for the YMCA Coach A Child Scholarship Fund.

"The Prattville YMCA was a big part of Kevin's life. He wanted others to have the same enjoyment he had, growing up and coming to the Y. This tournament is one of the things that makes the YMCA possible for everyone."

The golf tournament is in its ninth year at RTJ Capitol Hill after spending the first 18 years at the Prattville Country Club. The tournament will change its format this year, switching to a morning flight and afternoon flight on both the Legislator and Senator courses. Eighteen teams will play on each course in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Several sponsorship levels remain available. All teams will be provided lunch, beginning at 11 a.m., with the morning

