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## Angels in Fairway scores \$110,000 for foundation

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The memory of a 3-year old Buffalo Grove boy, who lost his battle with leukemia, continues to drive supporters to find a cure for the disease, even more than 10 years after his death.

Joey Mix died in 1996, but the Joey's Angels chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation, continues to be one of the largest contributors, thanks to a summer golf outing organized by his parents, Larry and Patty Mix.

"Last year I stood up at the dinner and said it would be our last," Patty Mix says, "but people just wouldn't let it end. They said they would run it without us, if need be."

Consequently, for the 11th year, golfers attended the "Angels in the Fairway" outing — Joey's favorite movie was "Angels in the Outfield," which inspired the name for the chapter and its outing — held Friday at the Grand Geneva, in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Once again, it drew so many foursomes, they filled two shotgun outings, that went off in the morning and afternoon.

That night, more than 450 people gathered for the auction and dinner, bidding on such items as a LeBron James autographed jersey, as well as one signed by NBA rookie of the year, Chris Paul; and they bought raffle chances on a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

It all added up to raising more than \$110,000 for the Glenview-based Leukemia Research Foundation and its mission to conquer leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndromes by funding research — or \$1.5 million over the last 11 years.

"They're definitely one of our biggest chapters," says Carl Austin, communications director. "At our medical awards dinner in June, they were the fourth largest chapter this year, in terms of contributions. They're always in the top five."

Patty Mix has learned never to say never. While the event takes nearly all year to develop and organize, she says that she and her husband find it cathartic as well.

"Over the years, the outing has helped us so much with our grief," she says. "There's so much energy and it's all positive. It's like one big family."