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Links to Youth Golf Outing will Support Princeton-Blairstown Center's Summer Bridge Program

PRINCETON, NJ, April 13, 2016 – The Princeton-Blairstown Center's Board of Trustees, Advisory Council, and Golf Committee cordially invites the Greater Princeton community to attend the 2016 *Annual Links to Youth Golf Outing* on Monday, May 2, 2016 at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg, New Jersey. A full day of recreation, dining, and entertainment, this successful fundraising event draws approximately 50-100 executives from corporations and non-profits in the tri-state area. The event includes a practice range, lunch, 18 holes of golf, and dinner with cocktails, allowing ample time to relax with colleagues and clients. Funds raised from the event will benefit the Princeton-Blairstown Center's innovative Summer Bridge Program.

Dr. Sarah Tantillo, Board Chair, announced, "We are really excited that proceeds from the Golf Outing will support our award-winning Summer Bridge Program, which we are expanding this summer to serve 450-500 youth from economically disadvantaged communities, including Trenton."

Princeton-Blairstown Center (PBC) piloted the Summer Bridge Program to address the "summer learning gap" for at-risk youth. During the program, PBC partners with schools and community-based organizations, to engage at-risk students in academic enrichment, literacy, and project-based learning. The program also helps youth form positive relationships with peers and adult chaperones to build school/organizational culture, and builds their social and emotional skills to strengthen them for academic and other challenges. This is achieved with adventure-based facilitators in small groups who use PBC's challenge and ropes courses as well as the woods, lake, and streams of Blairstown to delve further into problem solving, ecology, wildlife, and sustainable energy topics. At the same time, facilitators ask intentional questions that help students improve social-emotional and leadership skills that students can transfer back to school and family life.

The practice range opens at 11:00 am, followed by registration and a BBQ lunch at 11:30 am. There is also the option to join us later in the day for cocktails and dinner. This portion of the evening will include Tournament Awards and a Silent Auction and begins at 5:30 pm.



To purchase tickets and learn more about the Princeton-Blairstown Center, please visit www.princetonblairstown.org/events or call 609.921.0070.

About the Princeton-Blairstown Center

PBC is an independent nonprofit with a mission to transform the lives of vulnerable young people through integrated experiential and adventure-based programming in schools and at our Blairstown Campus near the Delaware Water Gap. We collaborate with schools, university partners, and community-based agencies to develop in youth deepened self-awareness, responsible decision-making, teamwork, and leadership skills. Our wide variety of year-round, multi-service programs serve over 6,000 students from the Mid-Atlantic States.

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