

Making A Difference

Each month, Louie Lee of The Lee team uses this space to shine the spotlight on a nonprofit organization that's making our community a better place to be in with the hope of generating support from the people who live here. Louie is proud to highlight Ladies 9 in the Pines this month. If you have a nonprofit you would like highlighted in Making a Difference, please contact Louie.

The Ladies 9 in the Pines is swinging into action with

its annual golf tournament fundraiser to support the fight against breast cancer. The Country Club at Castle Pines hosts the event, which is slated for **October 2, 2025**.

The tournament started out by donating funds to national breast cancer organizations. That changed in 2020, when Louise Melbye, past president of the Ladies 9 and chair of the golf tournament, along with Marcy Blair, a fellow Village resident, committee member and breast cancer survivor,

spearheaded a change to direct the fundraising to the Castle Rock community.

Since 2020, the tournament has raised more than \$700,000 to support the Breast Care Center, at AdventHealth Castle Rock, a non-profit hospital.

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In addition to providing the funding for mammograms, the group contributes funds to the Breast Care Center at AdventHealth. Money raised has been used to purchase new state of the art equipment for biopsies, automated ultrasound and advanced diagnostic machines helping to create

one of the best breast care centers in the entire state.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to support this cause, there are many ways to give. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 to more than \$2500, offering various levels of recognition:

- **Pink Ribbon, \$2,500+:** Includes recognition on the driving range; sponsor sign at check-in and golf cart; hole sponsor sign; recognition at lunch.
- **Eagle, \$1,000:** Includes sponsor sign at check-in and golf cart; hole sponsor sign; recognition at lunch.
- **Birdie, \$500:** Includes Group sponsor sign and recognition at lunch.
- **Par, \$250:** Includes signage throughout the tournament and recognition at lunch.

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• **Hole Sponsor:** Opportunities available for any company or person. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, excluding skin cancers, according to the American Cancer Society.

and about 700 women will die of the disease.

The Ladies 9 in the Pines believes passionately that early detection saves lives. Your support helps ensure that women in our community have access to the screenings and care they need.

To sponsor the tournament or donate an auction item, please call Trece O'Donnell for hole sponsors at 303-995-5026, or for general inquiries, Louise Melbye at 612-889-5486 or louise.melbye@gmail.com. To make a general donation, the QR code will take you to the landing page. Thank you!



The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2024:

- About 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women nationwide.
- About 42,250 women nationwide will die from breast cancer.
- In Colorado, about 5,150 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women,



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