



Sergeant Paul Bidinger and John Ziraldo, Lighthouse of Oakland County president and CEO, accept the Oakhurst neighborhood's \$21,000 donation during a special check presentation at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. *Photo submitted.*

Neighbors, golfers help out

A group of Oakhurst neighbors joined with Lighthouse Emergency Services and the Pontiac Fallen Heroes Memorial to raise \$21,000, to be divided equally by the two non-profit organizations.

"We pooled our resources and went to work," said Oakhurst resident Rose Marie Farrar. "There are so many people who need help right now, and we wanted to do something to let them know they're not alone."

The committee, led by Steve and Rose Marie Farrar; Dr. Shivajee and Terri Nallamothe; Pat and Cheryl Callahan; and Paul and Stacy Cloutier, organized an all-star golf outing. Detroit Piston Lindsay Hunter and Local 4 Sports Anchor Bernie Smilovitz made guest appearances.

Members of local Oakland County law enforcement agencies and emergency services personnel also were in attendance.

"Our donors really made the fundraiser a huge success," Farrar said. "Thanks to their support, our only expenses were golf carts and lunch. This enabled us to put the money where it was really needed - in the hands of Lighthouse and the Fallen Heroes Memorial."

In addition to raising funds from golf entrance fees, the group also held special competitions at various holes on the course, as well as a silent auction that included seven days at a five-bedroom home in Orlando, Florida, and a one week stay at a luxurious Boyne Mountain condo. The Palace of Auburn Hills and the Detroit Pistons; Guardian Industries Corp; Lipari Foods; Oakhurst Golf and Country Club; Lorenzo's Restaurant; and The Bottle Crew were among the donors who contributed to the event's success in addition to Terri and Shivajee Nallamothe, who donated their home for the evening event.