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Rib Crib's 7th Annual Golf Invitational Raises \$40,000 to Benefit American Cancer Society

Golfers swung for low scores and a good cause at the 7th Annual Rib Crib Golf Invitational on June 1. The tournament was held at The Golf Club of Oklahoma in Broken Arrow and benefited the American Cancer Society.

This year 132 golfers participated in the event, which raised more than \$40,000. More than 30 volunteers, mostly Rib Crib employees, helped put on the tournament.

"The American Cancer Society is proud to partner with Rib Crib in the fight against cancer," said Lesa Foster, regional vice president of the American Cancer Society. "Because of the continued efforts of the Rib Crib staff and supporters who plan and attend the annual golf tournament, the American Cancer Society is helping people *stay well, get well, find cures and fight back*. Together we are making a difference."

Rib Crib gathered more than 25 sponsors for the tournament, including F&M Bank & Trust Co., The Holmes Organisation, Auto-Chlor, Dr. Pepper, Farmer Brothers Coffee, Smalley Equipment, ORR Insurance, Tyson Foods, Cox Business Services, JBS Swift & Co., Ventura Foods, Ben E. Keith, SMH Capital, Lamb Wesson and Flexjet.

"In tough economic times, the community relies on the services of the American Cancer Society more than ever," said Bret Chandler, Rib Crib president and CEO. "We have had many employees and vendors that have been personally affected by cancer, including myself. It is a very important cause for our entire team."

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The four-man scramble kicked off at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start followed by two all-you-can-eat barbecue lunches donated by Rib Crib. Beverages were provided by Anheuser Busch, Coors Light and Coca-Cola.

Golfers competed for an impressive hole-in-one prize, a 2009 Cadillac CTS donated by Don Thornton Cadillac. In addition, a number of raffle prizes were available, including a grill from Hasty-Bake.

Guests also bid on silent auction items donated by Polo Grill, Stan Johnson Co., Jack Arnold, Bruce Weber, The University of Oklahoma, Fleming’s Prime Steak House, BOK Center, Oaks Country Club, Ambassador Hotel and Marshall Brewing Co.

The winning team consisted of Brandon Lee, Forrest Fischer, Larry Rampey and Drake Smiley of Ram Energy. In second place were Greg Cummings, Bob Knebel, Dylan Haynie and Dennis Burbank of Flexjet. John Vance, Craig Oden, Calvin Worth and Joe Majma of ORR Insurance placed third, and Rib Crib’s Jim Barnett, Brandon Manly, David Steele and Brad Dentis came in fourth place.

To date, the Rib Crib Golf Invitational has raised more than \$150,000 for the American Cancer Society.

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About Rib Crib BBQ & Grill

With 44 locations in eight states, Tulsa-based Rib Crib BBQ & Grill offers a comprehensive menu featuring a wide variety of hickory-smoked meats served in sandwiches, dinners, salads and combination platters. Open daily for lunch and dinner since 1992, Rib Crib’s bold barbecue is perfect for dining in, carryout or catering. For more information about Rib Crib, visit www.ribcrib.com.