

Bradley Pope Memorial Golf Tournament set for Oct. 6

By Guest Columnist Dr. Laurie Lawson

The Clinton Community Christian Corporation (4Cs) will host its first annual Bradley Pope Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 6, at the Live Oaks Golf Club, 11200 U.S. 49 North. The tournament will feature morning and afternoon sessions for players.

The 4Cs is a nonprofit, multipurpose social service agency that provides services to meet a variety of needs that include congregate, home-delivered meals and transportation for senior adults, tutoring and character-building programs for youth, emergency assistance and crisis intervention for families, and weatherization/repairs for homeowners of substandard homes. Other programs include a community garden, food pantry, thrift store, and many, many volunteer opportunities.

Bradley James Pope was an avid supporter of the 4Cs since its inception in 1971. He was instrumental in helping the 4Cs founder, Clint Doña, collaborate with students at Mississippi College, area churches, and other interested partners to form the ministry that has served the community more than fifty years. The first annual Bradley Pope Memorial Golf Tournament is an effort to honor Dr. Pope, as well as to raise funds to further support agency programs.

Within the last year, the 4Cs provided: 6,300 meals to senior adults through the congregate meals site; 14,110 meals to homebound seniors (better known as Meals on Wheels); 1,200 one-way trips to viable places for senior adults; 1,800+ families (which included more

than 3,500 individuals) with emergency assistance, including rent, utilities, gasoline and prescriptions; 800+ families with food from our food pantry and 600+ families from the community garden (more than 2,000+ individuals); and 550 families (more than 1,300 individuals) with Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance.

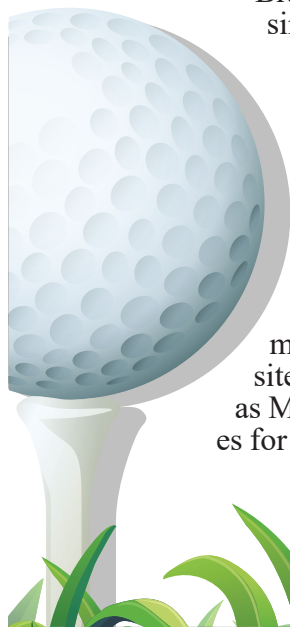
With a significant increase of requests from families in need of financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and other emergencies, community support is more vital than ever. Although more than 1,800 families were assisted with emergency assistance, the agency received more than 2,600 legitimate inquiries from Clintonians for emergency assistance that the agency was not able to support due to a lack of funds. Your support is greatly appreciated to carry on the mission and support the families in need in our service area.

Please consider supporting these efforts as a corporate, hole or cart sponsor, by donating prizes, and/or through forming a team.

Donations are tax deductible, and supporters will be publicly recognized on various media platforms. Please visit the 4Cs website at www.hello4cs.org and click on the Golf Tournament menu for tournament details and the online form. You may also click on the Help Today menu - click on the Donate Online menu, which will take you to the Bradley Pope Memorial Golf Tournament menu and the downloadable form.

We look forward to seeing you on October 6. Thank you for your support, and thank you for caring!

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