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SAF to Host Baseball-themed Golf Scramble on Aug. 7 to Raise Scholarship Funds

Twenty teams from across Montana and throughout the nation will gather at Helena's Green Meadow Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 12:30 p.m. to play a round of golf, try their luck at on-course games and raise funds to support nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation's Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship program.

"This marks SAF's ninth year of hosting the golf scramble," said Pat Schlauch, event coordinator. "In honor of this, our theme is baseball, and we're inviting our friends to swing for the fence to help Montana students."

These \$1,000 Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships are provided annually to second, third and fourth-year college students from across Montana. SAF's goal is to provide at least 56 scholarships every year, one in honor of each Montana county. To date, SAF has distributed \$542,000 through this program.

Stone Child College student Kerry Murphy, a 2014 Circle of Succe\$\$ recipient, said it is her goal to become an addictions counselor when she graduates.

"I have learned that education is key in making a better life for myself, my children, and for society as a whole," said Murphy, 39. "I am very grateful for the help (from Student Assistance Foundation). This scholarship is a good motivating incentive for me."

Following the scramble, participants will head into the clubhouse to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and music, awards and prizes.

According to Schlauch, Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships are particularly meaningful to SAF employees because the program was originally funded solely through voluntary employee contributions. Today, private donations and funds raised through events like the golf scramble and Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks add to that pool.

"SAF would like to thank all of our participants, along with our generous sponsors and donors for their support," Schlauch said. "Without them, events like this wouldn't be possible."

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$28 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

