

Prevention in Progress

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Rick Couri & KRMG Cultivate Positive Choices

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KRMG Newstalk Radio's Rick Couri once again pushed himself to the edge to benefit Operation Aware, as friends of Operation Aware and Rick Couri opened up their hearts and wallets in support of his efforts.

Rick spent three days working at River Parks, helping cultivate a place for children to play safely. He laid more than 9,000 pounds of sod, aerated ground and mulched trees during his adventure.

Rick also joined local families for an end of school year party featuring face painting by students from Victory Christian High School, sandwiches and cookies from QuikTrip, the Coin Truck from MidFirst Bank and a very

special NASCAR car with a video game in the trunk.

Rick Couri has been an advocate and fundraiser for OA since 1987. This event is possible because of the generous support of Rick Couri, KRMG, our corporate sponsors and hundreds of local residents who understand the value of investing in prevention education. We appreciate your commitment.



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Rick Couri Donors Share the reasons they give to prevention education



“I believe this effort is vitally necessary for our children’s future and our community. Thanks Rick Couri, KRMG and Operation Aware.” — Patricia Anderson, long-time supporter | “This is a great program! Both our kids went through this program in Tulsa Public Schools.” — Mr. & Mrs. Joey Austin, parents of OA Alumni | “We got our sons back from the dark world of drugs thanks to programs like this.” — John and Ann Turner | “As an elementary school teacher, I observed the effective way the OA instructors dealt with the students.” — Margaret Jenks Van Horn | “Positive impact on our sons while a student and Rick works his butt off to raise \$\$.” — James and Marja Willis | “As a retired kindergarten teacher and retired elementary principal, from Tulsa Public Schools, we both appreciate the value of Operation Aware.” — Eddie and Eileta Creekpaum | “For the great work they do with kids and the community” — Joe Creider, former board member | “To keep our schools drug free” — Carol Blackwood, OA alumna | “We’re grateful the program was available for our children (in the early 80s). And, we really like Rick!” — Silvio & Margie Cianfrone, parents of OA alumni | “I believe in the services provided and we highly respect Rick Couri and his contributions to Tulsa.” — Marilyn and Ron Cox | “I think the program is good and helps many children. I also like Rick Couri.” — Jo Ann McMasters



Top Row L to R: Tracie Poe, Drew Anderssen and Rick Couri kick off the event at 41st Plaza; Rick laid more than 9,000 pounds of sod; Prevention Educator Miss Brenda and board member John McGinness wait for traffic to pick up on site.

Second Row L to R: Joe Kelley and Rick trade banter early in the morning; Aerating the ground; Kids at the park received free face painting courtesy of Victory Christian students.

Bottom Row L to R: A young boy watches change fall into the MidFirst Bank Coin truck.

You can support Operation Aware by making a secure online donation at www.operationaware.org. Make sure to tell us why you support OA.



August 3, Cedar Ridge Country Club

Please join us on the links as Operation Aware “tees off” our 30th anniversary year with the third annual Operation Aware Golf Tournament on Monday, August 3 at Cedar Ridge Country Club.

This year’s tournament promises to be an exciting one and we hope you will join us. You can sign up for morning or afternoon tee times and several levels of sponsorships are available.

The theme for the tournament “Raising Resilient Children,” brings to the fore-

front the importance of the drug and violence prevention programs of Operation Aware. Now more than ever, it is crucial for all of our children to gain positive life skills that will help them become strong, successful and active adult members of our community. By investing in prevention today, we benefit future generations.

Tournament sponsors will be recognized with signage at the event, on the Operation Aware Web site and in media releases - all of this plus a fun day of golf on one of Oklahoma’s most impressive courses. Of course, the best benefit of your sponsorship is in knowing that your gift will provide valuable prevention education training to students in northeastern Oklahoma.

The Operation Aware golf tournament is a great opportunity to entertain clients, reward



employees or to simply have a day in the sun with friends and colleagues. And we have room for individual golfers or teams of four as well!

All participants will receive full golfing privileges for the day including golf cart, greens fees, favors, lunch and much more.

This year we are raffling off opportunities to win one of four sets of Callaway clubs and a golf bag. The first raffle drawing was held June 30. If you didn’t get your ticket then, we will have one set available exclusively for each flight at the tournament. Your odds can’t get much better than that!

So, gather your foursome and sign up for a great day on the links, golfing for a good cause.

You can download a registration form at www.operationaware.org, or call (918) 582.7884 ext. 101 to register.



Michael Valbuena of Arvest Bank was the lucky winner of the Callaway clubs and golf bag during the Operation Aware Golf Tournament Advance Raffle. Front Row L to R: Joseph Cuellar, Noah Hoss, Grace Cuellar (OA alums) Back Row L to R: Jim Conesdine, Charlie Strauser — OA Tournament Co-Chair, and Alex Gravely. Jim and Alex are both on the Golf Tournament Committee and the Operation Aware Board of Directors.

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Rick Couri Quiz - How much do you know about the Rick Couri annual fund drive?
Test your knowledge below. (Answers are at the bottom of the quiz)

- 1) How much money has Rick Couri raised for Operation Aware over the years?
 - a) \$50,000
 - b) Nearly \$1,200,000.00
 - c) A billion dollars
 - d) \$600,000
- 2) How long is the Rick Couri event traditionally?
 - a) 5 days
 - b) 1 day
 - c) 3 days
 - d) 14 hours
- 3) Which of the following locations has NOT been the site of a Rick Couri event?
 - a) Driller's Stadium
 - b) Oklahoma Aquarium
 - c) Fair Meadows
 - d) Skelly Stadium
- 4) How many years has Rick Couri been raising funds for Operation Aware?
 - a) 20
 - b) 30
 - c) 17
 - d) 23
- 5) Where did Rick spend 36 hours underwater to raise funds for Operation Aware?
 - a) Thornton YMCA
 - b) Big Splash
 - c) Arkansas River
 - d) Keystone Lake

Answer Key: 1) b, 2) c, 3) a, 4) d, 5) a

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 THIRD ANNUAL OA GOLF
 TOURNAMENT

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August 20
 TRIVIA NIGHT THURSDAY AT
 JOE MOMMA'S

Eat pizza, answer trivia and benefit Operation Aware at this fun packed evening. Trivia from 9 - 10, arrive early to eat. 112 S Elgin. A portion of sales will be donated to Operation Aware.

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