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## **The GATE Foundation 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises \$170,000 for Firefighters for Families, Inc.**

**Jacksonville, Fla., October 26, 2021** – The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic affiliate of GATE Petroleum Company, proudly presented a \$170,000 donation to Firefighters for Families (FF4F). Funds were raised during the Foundation’s Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club on September 21, 2021. FF4F supports families in need who reside in St. Johns County, Florida. Services promote school readiness and attendance.

This year marked The GATE Foundation Charity Golf Tournament’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. “This was a marquee year for our golf tournament,” said Kathy Brady, executive director of The GATE Foundation. “Celebrating 25 years with our largest-ever donation is thrilling. It’s an honor to contribute to Firefighters for Families and the important work they do to support happy, healthy children and families in St. Johns County.”

Some current initiatives of FF4F include providing educational supplies, fitness gear, clothing and food for children in need; providing educational toys like books and puzzles to promote learning; and providing first response for St. Johns County families who experience catastrophic loss due to fire or other emergency events.

“We are so grateful to The GATE Foundation for selecting Firefighters for Families as the beneficiary of its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament,” said Jennifer Hampton, president of Firefighters for Families. “This donation will enable us to positively impact so many children in our community, equipping them with the tools, resources and support they need to succeed in school.”

Firefighters for Families is supported by firefighters from St. Johns County Fire Rescue and the City of St. Augustine Fire Department.

### **About The GATE Foundation:**

The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jacksonville, Florida-based GATE Petroleum Company, supports efforts and services that nurture and protect the well-being of families and the communities where it operates. GATE Petroleum, one of the largest privately held companies in Florida, was founded in 1960 by Herbert Hill Peyton. Today, GATE’s diversified operations include retail, construction materials, hospitality and commercial land development sectors. The company’s convenience stores are located throughout Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. GATE also operates eight precast concrete plants, a host of real estate ventures, a hospitality division including an AAA Five Diamond resort, as well as fuel and fleet services.

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