

Plainfield Student Lives by the Nine Core Values On and Off the Course



Devin Hastings, a second-year student of The First Tee of Plainfield program at the Plainfield West 9 Golf Course, had finished his Summer First Tee class and was playing a round of golf with his grandfather later that afternoon. While on the course, Devin spotted on the ground what appeared to be several dollar bills. Sure enough, he had found a total of \$120 that someone had apparently lost earlier that day.

But instead of keeping the money, Devin headed directly to the Pro Shop and told Bill Castner, Head PGA Golf Professional and the Program Director of The First Tee of Plainfield, that he had found the money and felt it was his responsibility to be honest and turn it in with the hope that the person who had lost it would come claim it. The funds were placed in an envelope at the Pro Shop along with Devin's contact information.

After more than a month, no one had claimed the money. One day after one of Devin's subsequent classes, Bill told him that more than fair amount of time for someone to ask for and claim the lost money had passed, so he handed him the envelope.

Devin then told his Grandfather and Bill that he wanted to donate half of the money as a gift back to The First Tee of Plainfield program fund. Both men asked the boy if he was sure that was what he wanted and without hesitation, Devin insisted it was what he wanted to do. He was following three of the Nine Core Values taught in the program: Responsibility, Judgment and Honesty.

This story is a wonderful example of the great lessons The First Tee program teaches young people and how it makes a lasting and positive impact on their lives. Congratulations to you Devin!