

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry®  
provides \$50,000 Challenge**  
Named Title Sponsor for 32nd Annual  
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to honor and support children with special medical conditions and their families attending Summer Camp 2025. Every gift designated for the 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has also been named the Title Sponsor for the 2025 Golf tournament.

“Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is thrilled that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to provide a cornerstone grant and invest in our mission in 2025 by offering this exciting challenge opportunity,” said President & CEO of TLC, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery’s Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, “Our founder James Avery believed “giving is what it’s all about.” We continue that philosophy today because of his commitment and because it is just the right thing to do. For seven decades, we have forged partnerships with charitable organizations that reflect our core values and enrich lives which helps make our communities better places to live. James Avery is proud to support the Texas Lions Camp where TLC has introduced over 84,000 children to the ‘CAN DO’ philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences for the past 75 years. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience.”

**ABOUT JAMES AVERY ARTISAN JEWELRY®**

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze, and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Kerrville, Comfort, Hondo and Corpus Christi, Texas, using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with 130 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, over 250 Dillard’s locations and at Dillards.com and at 37 Von Maur locations and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.



**About Texas Lions Camp**

Texas Lions Camp, Inc., (TLC) provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Camp has also been recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and is an active participant with GuideStar.

For more than 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced children with special medical conditions to the “CAN DO” philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. Corporate sponsorships from special friends allow us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives. Through this mission, TLC’s goal is realized when children step up and “step into their calling,” thus allowing them to achieve maximum personal growth and self-esteem.



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**THURSDAY**  
**July 31, 2025**

**Lady Bird Johnson  
Municipal Golf Course**  
**FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS**

**BENEFITING:**





# Let's Hit the Links!

The 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Thursday, July 31, 2025**, at the Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas. This exciting Golf Tournament is open to four-person teams (limited to 32 teams) and is formatted as a Florida Scramble/Best Ball with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

Major Corporate Sponsorships are available (\$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500) with corresponding benefits (shown on ATTACHED forms).

## ENTRY FEE

Until June 30, 2025:	Individual golfer	\$130
	Team of 4 golfers	\$520
After June 30, 2025:	Individual golfer	\$150
	Team of 4 golfers	\$600

## EVENT INCLUDES:

- ▶ Catered Breakfast
- ▶ Hole-in-One Prizes
- ▶ Longest Drive Prize, Front Nine
- ▶ Straightest Drive Prize, Back Nine
- ▶ Closest to the Pin Prizes, Front & Back Nine
- ▶ Special Awards Luncheon
- ▶ Trophies & Prizes
- ▶ Drawings for Door Prizes
- ▶ Raffle
- ▶ Live & Silent Auctions



## The 2025 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the du Preez Family

The 2025 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the du Preez Family (Dad Heinrich, Mother Amber, and four children (Grace, Dominique, Christian and William) from San Antonio.



Both Christian and William (twin boys) have attended residential summer camp weeks for 7-8 years at Texas Lions Camp (TLC). Middle daughter, Dominique, attended Family Camp with the boys and mother Amber in 2021 and Heinrich, Amber and the boys attended 2022 family camp. The boys are looking forward to attending this Summer 2025.

The du Preez family found out about TLC when mother, Amber, was working for a non-profit children's rehabilitation center in Midland, and Lion Jerry Stout (from the Odessa Downtown Lions Club) was one of the donors/brand providers to the center. According to Amber, "Jerry would always talk about TLC. Even before the boys were eligible to go to camp, he encouraged us, loved on us, and shared in our trials and triumphs."

The boy's dad is from South Africa and one of the first years the boys went to TLC, one of their counselors was also from South Africa. Dad thought that it was amazing that there was so much diversity, all with the same goal of helping these children.

Christian and William were both born at 24.5 weeks with Christian weighing 810 grams (1.78 lbs.) and William weighed only 710 grams (1.56 lbs.) and both were considered micropreemies. Micropreemies are at a higher risk of health complications and disabilities because of their small size and early stage of development. According to Amber, "everything that they tell you could happen in the NICU happened to one of them. Both boys were in the neonatal intensive care unit for the first six months of their lives."

**"Texas Lions Camp has given the boys a place to feel normal, even excel. They have freedom from judgement and have never been told that there is anything they cannot do or at least try to do. We know that we are not alone in this and that we can send them somewhere to engage and be kids, knowing that they are safe and loved."**

The du Preez Family

## History of the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

The history of this Golf Tournament began with four Texas Lions (Lions Mike Butler, Marshall Cooper, Bruce Rickert and Harry Wickersham) coming to the Annual Board meeting of Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville to enjoy fellowship with each other. They loved to play golf – and, what began as a \$10 per person gentlemen's donation at the Flying L Ranch Golf Course in Bandera, Texas, has grown into a major FUNdraising event which generates more than \$100,000 annually for children with special medical conditions.



Other Lions heard about the golf outing and dozens joined in to play in subsequent years including Lion Ed Stebbins who was recruited to help organize the event into an annual fund-raising opportunity. He made the original presentation to the TLC Board of Directors to make the Golf Tournament an annual fund-raising event, and then recommended that the event be named in honor of Lion Harry Wickersham (who was the real golfer in the original foursome). In addition, he recruited Lion Lester Frantzen and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

