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Michigan's Most Spectacular Resort – Treetops Resort Awards Scholarships to Four Otsego County Students in Partnership with Otsego Community Foundation

(Gaylord, Michigan) – Michigan's most spectacular resort -Treetops Resort known for its award-winning golf nationally and year-round outdoor fun is not only dedicated to providing an unparalleled resort experience but also fostering a healthy community through giving.

Four students were recently awarded scholarships from the proceeds of the resort's Annual Fall Charity Invitational. Treetops Resort has awarded over \$212,000 to 72 students since 2018. "This scholarship program invests in the future of our industry and our community, and we couldn't do it without the support shown by our guests playing in and sponsoring this important event," said Barry Owens, GM of Treetops Resort.

The four students awarded the scholarships include:

Kaylee Berkshire who is a graduate of Gaylord High School and plans to attend Grand Valley State University and pursue a degree English and Secondary Education.

Noah Enders who is a graduate of Gaylord High School and plans to attend the University of Michigan and pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Kate Gapinski who is a graduate of Gaylord High School and plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University and pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Kylee Hopp who is a graduate of Gaylord High School and plans attend Central Michigan University and pursue a degree in Exercise Science.

The Treetops Scholarship Fund was established in 2018. In 2020, Treetops shifted its focus from awarding grants to nonprofit partners to awarding scholarships. Since 2018, Treetops Resort has awarded \$212,000 to local scholars pursuing their higher education goals.

"At first, our strategy for awarding scholarships was to "sprinkle the infield". We awarded twenty \$1,000 scholarships. Although helpful, we wanted to make a larger impact on each of our scholarship recipients. Since that time, we have shifted our scholarship focus to awarding larger scholarships to the same individual to be distributed over a several year period. Treetops' staff members who want to return to school and pursue their higher education dreams are the recipients of many of the scholarships and have become a priority," Barry Owens went on to explain.

About Treetops Resort

Treetops Resort is Michigan's Most Spectacular Resort – a premier golf and winter playground destination. Treetops Resort boasts 81 holes of acclaimed golf on spectacular terrain totaling five award-winning courses inspired and professionally designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., Tom Fazio and Rick Smith. Treetops Resort is proudly recognized as having the #1 Par 3 Course in North America: Threetops. Treetops Resort's winter playground encompasses 80 acres of terrain, 27 downhill ski runs, plus activities on and off the slopes for the entire family to enjoy. A true intergenerational destination during all four seasons.

Treetops Resort is conveniently located in the heart of Pure Michigan on I-75 north just three hours north of Detroit and within one hour of the renowned Straights of Mackinac. Visit <u>www.Treetops.com</u> or call **1-888-Treetops** to book your getaway and for more four seasons information.

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