

# Meet Kason



Kason came into this world kicking and screaming and boy was he loud. As all parents who want to have a healthy baby, we were grateful he was born without any health issues. So, when he failed his hearing test, we were surprised. "It could be fluid in the ears," they said when he failed his hearing test for the first and second time. We scheduled a follow up visit at the hospital a few weeks later to do another hearing test. Failed again.

Confusion and misunderstanding set in. How could this be? Neither his mother nor father has any history of hearing loss. Not knowing there are many other reasons for hearing loss, we scheduled a visit to the audiologist for a special hearing test. At this exam, the baby must be asleep. Kason did not want to sleep that day. We rescheduled for a fourth exam.

After 3 months of waiting for an official diagnosis, we received confirmation that Kason has profound hearing loss in both ears.

From there it felt like a whirlwind of resources, information, questions and emotions. After several meetings with experts regarding the options for a child born with zero access to sound, we chose to go the route of cochlear implants. We wanted to give our child the chance to hear music, to share in verbal exchanges and to use his voice loudly.

We were given options by our hearing specialist to begin his and our hearing journey by attending private speech or enrolling in Desert Voices. With the direct pathway and expertise provided at Desert Voices we couldn't say no to such an opportunity. So at 6 months old, using hearing aids, Kason was enrolled at Desert voices. We began with 1:1 parent coaching (including via zoom during COVID). At 10 months old and during a global pandemic, Kason was bilaterally implanted at PCH. At 11 months old his sound was activated. We began the toddler program at desert voices to then lead to the preschool program, where he is now in his 2nd year. Kason continues to reach his listening and spoken language goals which is truly incredible to witness. He loves music and to dance and is full of words and joy that he spreads to all he meets.

*Zach Balkinin, Kason's dad*



# Palm Valley Golf Club

2211 N Litchfield Rd,  
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Desert Voices provides life changing services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We firmly believe that when you give a child a VOICE, you give them the world.



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April 27th, 2024

20TH ANNUAL  
**SCHUFF  
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CHARITY  
CLASSIC**

BENEFITING  
desert voices



We hope you can join us for this milestone of what will be more of a celebration than a tournament! We are proud to be apart of such a great cause that is making lifelong impacts on the children in our community!

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## EVENT DETAILS

**Saturday, April 27th, 2024**

**Palm Valley Golf Club**

Registration 6am

Shotgun 8am

## CONTACT DETAILS

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www.desert-voices.org (Events Page)

## LOCAL HOTEL SPONSORS

- Tru by Hilton - 623.354.9530
- Hampton Inn & Suites - 623.563.1313
- Bookings made by March 21, 2024
- For discounted rates mention the Schuff Steel Charity Classic



## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### EMERALD SPONSOR: \$12,500 (EACH)

- Golf for eight (8) in the tournament
- Two (2) hole sponsorship signage
- Logo recognition on event webpage
- Special recognition during awards luncheon
- Additional onsite logo recognition - luncheon, golf carts or putting green & driving range (depending on specific sponsorship)

### PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$8,000

- Golf for six (6) in the tournament
- Two (2) hole sponsorship signage with premier logo inclusion in on-site signage
- Logo recognition on event webpage
- Name recognition during awards luncheon

### GOLD SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Golf for four (4) in the tournament
- One (1) hole sponsorship signage
- Name recognition on event webpage
- Name recognition during awards luncheon

### NAVY SEAL SPONSOR: \$3,500

#### LIMITED AVAILABILITY

- Golf for one (1) - plus a Navy Seal team member for the day
- One (1) hole sponsorship signage
- Name recognition on event webpage
- Name inclusion in the on-site signage

### HOLE SPONSOR: \$2,500

- Golf for two (2) in the tournament
- One (1) hole sponsorship signage
- Name recognition on event webpage
- Name inclusion in the on-site signage

### ADDITIONAL GOLFER: \$250

*Each package includes green fees, golf cart, luncheon and swag bag.*

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BREAKFAST BEVERAGE

BEVERAGE CART

SWAG BAG

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## REGISTRATION

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VISIT - WAYS TO GIVE - EVENTS - SCHUFF STEEL TOURNAMENT

COMPANY SPONSOR NAME

EMAIL & BUSINESS ADDRESS

SPONSORSHIP & PAYMENT TOTAL

PAYMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE INCLUDE CREDIT CARD NUMBER, BILLING  
ZIP CODE, CVV CODE AND SIGNATURE