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SAF Hosts Golf Tournament to Raise Funds for Student Scholarships

(HELENA) Twenty-five teams from across the nation will gather at Helena's Green Meadow Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 13 to play a round of golf, compete for a variety of hole prizes and raise funds to support nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation's Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants.

"This will be the fourth year that Student Assistance Foundation has hosted a golf scramble to raise funds to help Montana students pursue their dreams of postsecondary education," said Kris MacIntyre, event coordinator. "We've worked hard to make this the best event possible in order to help the greatest possible number of Montana students."

Circle of Succe\$\$ grants are provided annually to second, third and fourth-year students in each of Montana's 56 counties to help them cover costs associated with continuing their postsecondary education.

Last year, SAF distributed \$56,000 in Circle of Succe\$\$ grants to Montana students, bringing the grand total to \$231,000.

Following the scramble, golfers and sponsors at this year's event will enjoy hors d'oeuvres at the clubhouse and the unique Montana sound of the Prickly Pear Pickers.

"Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants are near and dear to the hearts of Student Assistance Foundation employees," said MacIntyre, explaining that the grants were originally funded solely through employee contributions. "This program is one of the many ways that we live our mission of helping Montana students attain their dreams of postsecondary education. We'd like to thank all of our participants and those individuals and businesses who generously donated to this event."

The scramble will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to finance and pursue their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$16.8 million. For more information, visit www.SmartAboutCollege.org or www.safmt.org.