



**THE CHRISTIAN KNAPP MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
TO BENEFIT  
THE DEAFBLIND MULTIHANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 4 2011**

To be held at **Timber Creek Golf Club 4554 FM 2351 Friendswood, TX 77546 281-993-1140**

**The Deafblind Multihandicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)** is a Texas wide non-profit organization made up of families and professionals close to and/or concerned for the well being of **deafblind** individuals. One of the primary goals of DBMAT is to advocate for **deafblind** individuals to have people around them that can relate and communicate with them to help improve their quality of life on a daily basis. In an effort to make this available to them, DBMAT has been granting scholarships for the special people that are working with **deafblind** individuals, who want to learn more about **deafblindness** and how to help the people they are working with. These special people are referred to as **Interveners**.

DBMAT has granted scholarships for college level courses to over 20 **Interveners**. As there are over 800 **deafblind** individuals throughout Texas, there is so much more education and awareness to be done. **DBMAT** is hosting our 3rd Golf Tournament to raise money to bring awareness to the community, to support the families that have a child with **deafblindness**, to assist with **deafblind** education, and to continue to award scholarships for training to the **Interveners** who are working with children and adults that are **deafblind**.

We hope you will come out to play with us and help benefit the life of **deafblind** people!



**DBMAT wants to honor the memory of Christian Knapp (1980-2005), who was able to impress upon us all what a difference a quality Intervener can make!**

**Melanie and Gary** share their motivation for the golf tournament.

**Christian was deafblind.** It is what he taught us about being **deafblind** that has given us the determination to help other **deafblind** children and adults. It was also our promise to **Christian** after his death in November of 2005 to do whatever we could so that other **deafblind** individuals might have the same opportunities that he had.

In June of 2006, **DBMAT** recognized for our primary vision **“that people who are deaf and blind will benefit from the provision of quality Intervener services lifelong. When Intervener services are provided from the age of diagnosis, the person who is deafblind is most likely to develop to their full potential. As the person who is deafblind grows, his/her needs will change, but quality Intervener services will always be required”** (DBMAT website).

**LIFE CHANGING CONTRIBUTION LEVELS**

- **Platinum - \$2,000** - Eight Golf player spots, hole sponsor sign, recognition on Contribution Board
- **Gold - \$1,500** - Four Golf Player spots, hole sponsor sign, recognition on Contribution Board
- **Silver - \$1,000** - Four Golf Player spots, recognition on Contribution Board
- **Foursome - \$600** - Four Golf Player Spots.
- **Individual Player - \$175** - Single Golf Player Spot.
- **Lunch Only - \$40** - For any non-players that want to join us for the lunch buffet and raffle drawing.

**Tournament Schedule**

Registration & Breakfast **7:00AM**  
Shotgun Start **8:00 AM**  
Lunch and Raffle to follow

**Players Prize Giveaways go to:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall scores
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin

. An **Intervener** provides a bridge to the world for the child/adult who is **deafblind**. By definition, an **Intervener** is a **one-to-one service provider with specialized training and skills in deafblindness, who does with, not for, the deafblind individual.**

**Christian** was “lucky” to have a gifted **Intervener** working with him. Gary and I fought our personal battle for many years to make it happen for him. **Christian** was 21 years old when he and his **Intervener, Ann Bielert** met. **Ann and Christian’s** story can be read on the **DBMAT** website: [www.dbmat-tx.org](http://www.dbmat-tx.org)  
Please help us realize our vision....and **Christian’s** vision.