



## Flood Relief Tournament

**Date:** Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Place:** Nashville Golf & Athletic Club, Brentwood, TN

**Registration:** 11:00 am    **Lunch:** 12:00 Noon Provided by McDougal's Chicken

**Shotgun Start:** 1:00    **Dinner/Prizes** at 6:00 pm Dinner Provided by Jet's Pizza

**Cost:** \$100 per Player plus any additional heartfelt donations

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**Nashville Golf & Athletic Club is committed to helping Flood Victims.**

**We began by donating the money we received from the Vinny Golf Tournament...**

**We are donating 100% of the Guest Fee Revenue received during the month of July...**

**We are donating the course to the Flood Relief Tournament...**

***This is your opportunity to help make a difference in someone's life...***

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### Honoree Families of the NG&AC Flood Relief Tournament

#### **Forte Family**



#### **Luc Family**



**Please take a moment to read the following touching stories...**

**Kevin Forte: (Wife - Penny, Children -McCarty 15, Morgan 12, Jack 10, and Bailey 6)**

(Kevin is the Golf Pro at Harpeth Hills, Nashville, TN)



“We’re ruined’. I’ll never forget the feeling of despair in my heart as I choked the words in my father’s ear. And, he knew exactly what I was talking about. It was the end of a nearly three year struggle to secure our family’s future.

In 2006, Penny and I realized that the increasing cost of raising our four children was quickly overcoming our ability for her to continue as a stay-at-home mom. The time had come for her to return to work. It would be 24 months before she would graduate from nursing school and begin her new career. Little did we know the difficulty that we would endure during those 24 months. Not only was the demand of being a full-time nursing student more than we could have expected, but add in the declining economy, and our family was sinking fast.

In December 2008, Penny graduated from nursing school and for the first time in 11 years, we had two sources of income and it took every bit of it to catch up on the bills that had fallen behind. But after a year, we actually began to feel that our family was on the road to recovery, and that we were starting to dig our way out of the huge financial hole.

Then the rain began. On Sunday morning, May 2, 2010, the kids and I woke up to find our yard 4-feet deep with water. We decided to evacuate. As the kids packed an overnight bag, I pulled the cars out into the street in front of the house. I remember looking back at our house as we drove away and the water was just starting to seep in. Even at that point, I had no idea how bad things would get. A few hours later, we were watching the news coverage at a friend’s house, and happened to see a fly-by shot of our neighborhood. We were able to identify our house, which was submerged in water almost up to the second floor. We were devastated!!

When we returned the following day, we had to wade through knee-deep water to get to our home from about one-quarter of a mile down the street where we were able to park. We were not prepared for what we would see as we entered the house. We could not see our hardwood floors because of the layer of mud; and as we looked around, we realized everything we owned in the lower level of our home was ruined. Our children walked through the house in shock, and our six-year-old just sobbed. Later, he told us how scared he was that the water would come back and we would all drown.

Then, ‘survival mode’ kicked in, and for the next two weeks we spent 12-hours a day cleaning away the muddy water, hauling all our possessions out to the curb for disposal, and stripping our home down to nothing but sub-floor and wall studs. On the final day of gutting the house, we locked the doors as we left, uncertain of what the future holds. This is how the house still stands, as the crawl space has just now finished drying.

At this point, the prospects of returning to our home are not good. The cost of rebuilding, along with the cost of replacing personal property, is just too great. For now, we are looking to simply make a new start for our family.”

## Ginger Luc: (Children -Hilary 19, Elijah 2)



Not quite sure when our story began but I would suspect it was Father's Day two years ago. My husband, Steve (an HCA employee), developed a chronic cough. After a few doctor visits, Steve was diagnosed with lung cancer at 44 years old. Our family was devastated. Our daughter was 16 years old, preparing for college, and our son was 4 months old (an unexpected late-life blessing!). Steve was a non-smoker, working out every morning at 5 a.m. at the YMCA, training to do his second ½ marathon with our daughter. Cancer? What was this about?

Steve fought long and hard for 22 months – trying several study drugs, doing chemotherapy and radiation. He worked full-time through it all and reached several short-term goals – like seeing our son turn one year old, then two years old; seeing our daughter graduate high school and then start college at Western Kentucky University; and celebrating our 22-year wedding anniversary. After a courageous 22 month fight, he lost his battle with lung cancer on April 23rd. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

We had funeral services here in Nashville and in Louisiana (our home state). I knew there would be “handle-it-alone” situations for me, as a single parent, that would arise after Steve's death, but who expected it to be less than 24 hours after his funeral service?! The Sunday morning after his Saturday memorial service, at 6:30 a.m., our neighbor called my cell and told us that the river was rising and our neighborhood, our home of 10 years, was flooding. I sat in Louisiana, wondering what was happening. Friends and neighbors urged me not to come home in the state I was in. My sister and nephew fly from Louisiana to Nashville immediately and began the clean-up process on our home. I got little news or pictures, but I knew enough to know that we had lost almost everything in our home. I returned to Nashville a week after the floods, to find our home gutted to the studs, our daughter's vehicle flooded and most of our possessions lost. Gracious friends, neighbors and co-workers spent hours cleaning and gutting our home and salvaging what they could.

Needless to say, this has been a challenging chapter in our lives – being displaced with two children, trying to rebuild our lives and our home, all while grieving the loss of my courageous husband. I've realized that every challenge is an opportunity to watch God work – to watch him provide. Steve loved his family, he loved to laugh, he loved life, he loved his Lord Jesus Christ. He lived with no regrets.” I strive to do the same.

\* Note that flood checking accounts have been set up for both families so that donations can be given directly to them.

**Please join us after the tournament for  
a chance to meet the families!!**

(If you are unable to join us for golf on Thursday, you are still welcome to come and meet the families and make a donation after the tournament)

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Nashville Golf & Athletic Club

Brentwood TN, 37027

615-370-3346

[www.ngac.net](http://www.ngac.net)

## Golf Tournament Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation: (Make Checks Payable to one of the following recipients)**

  

Ginger Luc

Kevin Forte

  
  

Tennessee Golf Foundation

The Community Fund

GraceWorks

**All Entry Fees are \$100 per player. Any additional donations are greatly appreciated!!**

**Group: (If you have a player(s) you prefer to play with please list below)**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send forms to one the following: (Checks may be mailed with entry form or will be collected the day of the event)

**E-mail:** [brianprongac@comcast.net](mailto:brianprongac@comcast.net)

**Fax:** 615-834-2424

**Address:** NG&AC Attn: Flood Relief  
P.O. Box 1991  
Brentwood, TN 37024-1991

## General Donations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Any donations are greatly appreciated!!!**

**Please send your check to the following address:**

NG&AC

Attn: Flood Relief

P.O. Box 1991

Brentwood, TN 37024-1991

\*\* Remember to make your check payable to one of the five recipients listed above

**\*\*If you have any questions please contact Brian Jorgenson or Tony Lander at 615-370-3346**

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