



2007 Donnie Arthur Distribution at Annual Meeting Produces Lots of Smiles

The AGCSA was pleased to present a \$2,000 check to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation again this year. Present to accept the gift were AGCSA members Lee McLemore (The Country Club of Birmingham) and Tim Orton (Agrimium Advanced Technologies) who also serve on the ATRF Board of Trustees.

This year was the ATRF's 10th Anniversary. In honor of this landmark an annual report with a compilation of research projects the Foundation helped to finance was published this fall. Some of the research recognized were studies by Dr. Beth Guertal, Dr. David Han, Dr. Edzard van Santen, and Dr. Howard Walker from Auburn University and Dr. Maria Peterson from Mississippi State University.

Copies of this report are available through the ATRF. This Foundation was started by a group of dedicated turfgrass managers in 1997 to secure funding for turfgrass research. Many of these individuals still serve on that Board. The Foundation has raised over \$165,000 during its existence. It has funded research projects totaling over \$75,000.

The Alabama Golf Course Superintendents Association has been a supporter of the Foundation since its inception and are grateful for the great service it provides to all those in the turfgrass industry.



Proceeds from the Donnie Arthur Tournament totaling \$12,000 were distributed to The UAB Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Children's Hospital at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Emily Hornak accepted the check for the Children's Unit.

The Association is pleased to support this worthy cause. Children's is the state's only comprehensive pediatric center, treating 95 percent of all pediatric cancer and other blood disorders. Children's Hospital is the single largest provider of specialized pediatric services in Alabama. The 16 pediatric hematologist and oncologist physicians provide care for over 300 cancer and blood disorder patients, ranging from 3 months to 25 years old. It is home to the **only pediatric bone marrow transplant program** in Alabama.

The Association is blessed to be able to contribute to Children's Hospital for this worthy cause. We could not support this outreach without funds generated by the Donnie Arthur Tournament. Thanks to all our Donnie Arthur supporters for making this and our other contributions possible. We especially appreciate Emily and all the support she has given us at our Donnie Arthur Tournament and the Annual Meeting.