

- Seward County United Way

Are you ready to golf for a good cause? XTO ENERGY, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, will host its Ninth Annual United Way Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Willow Tree Golf Course in Liberal. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Seward County United Way.

"This has been a great event every year," said Kay Burtzloff, executive director of the Seward County United Way. "Not only did they raise more than \$16,000 for United Way last year but everyone had a good time doing it."



"We have a \$10,000 cash prize for anyone who makes hole-in-one on the 10th hole of the golf course and then we also have a choice of a \$500 Visa gift card or other prizes if they make a hole-in-one on the 7th or 16th hole," said Wayne Titus, the organizer of the event. "We think this will make the event more exciting for our golfers."

The tournament is a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$75 per golfer, if you register early or \$85 at the door. Entry fee includes a free food and a team picture. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places in each flight and there are also many individual hole prizes.

Titus said that there are also hole prizes on every hole and door prizes. "Everyone will be taking something home at the end of the day because we also have a goodie bag for every participant."

Titus said that there were some great opportunities for sponsorships for the golf tournament left. "We have different levels on sponsorships including Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsor, Silver Sponsor and Bronze Sponsor. We've got a variety of ways to recognize our sponsors, including banners, publicity, radio ads and newspaper articles. The main thing is that we want this to be a fun event that raises money for United Way."

Burtzloff said, "XTO ENERGY, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, has been terrific supporters of United Way in the past but this will really help us get our 2014 campaign off to a great start. I plan to be there the whole day, cheering on the teams."

Twenty of the Seward County United Way's 27 agencies serve beyond Seward County. "Many of our agencies serve the region, not just Seward County," Burtzloff said. "That's why the XTO ENERGY office in Hugoton has been willing to help us in our fundraising because services come back to Stevens County."

For more information about the golf tournament or to register, contact Titus at 620-544-9149, Doretta Delay at 620-544-5525, or Tara at 620-544-5502, or Burtzloff at 620-624-5400.