



Shepherd Center

May 23, 2017
Charles F. Palmer
Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation, Inc.
2560 Brookdale Drive, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for sharing the upcoming renovations to the Bobby Jones Golf Facilities. Your mission and Shepherd Center's mission share similar themes with inclusion and access to community activities. It is exciting to hear of the many opportunities that the facility could offer, especially with the close proximity to Shepherd Center. Although the current focus is on youth development, the facility would provide real life experiences for our patients outside the hospital. Shepherd Center completes outings for individuals or groups out-of-center to evaluate a patient's knowledge, abilities, and independence in real-life situations. There is potential to complete outings to the facility for adaptive golf, tennis, kayaking and fishing. We currently schedule outings four different locations to complete these activities throughout the Metro Atlanta Area.

Shepherd Center supports eleven adaptive sports teams that compete nationally and internationally. We are currently trying to add our twelfth team with adaptive tennis. The potential opportunity to practice golf and tennis with close proximity to Shepherd would be ideal. Our patients come from every state in the country and even many foreign countries. Exposing patients to these sporting activities could have a wide impact that patients could bring back to their communities across the world. We envision your new facility being the perfect site to host a regional or national adaptive golf tournament. This is something we would be glad to assist in organizing if needed. Adding an adaptive golf tournament would be unique to Georgia especially with the adaptive course. It lends itself to more successful participation with the shorter length of yardage.

To our knowledge there is not another rehabilitation hospital in the country that has such facilities in close proximity. Shepherd Center is excited for the opportunity to utilize the new Bobby Jones facilities. It will offer a distinctive setting for patients and community members to access activities in the Metro Atlanta area. Please contact me at (404) 556-5604 if you have questions.

Thank you,

Rebecca Washburn

Rebecca Washburn, MS
Wellness Manager

cc: Mr. Danny Yates