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'School of Hope' Designation

RCMA is just the 6th nonprofit to be designated a "School of Hope" charter school operator by the Florida State Board of Education since the program began in 2017.



The announcement on May 11 makes us eligible for grants and low-interest loans as we expand from two to five charter schools during the next five years, helping even more children from rural, low-income families achieve academic parity.

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Golf Tournament Exceeds Goals

More than 100 golfers joined us May 14 for our 22nd annual Lipman Family Farms Golf Classic, which raised more than \$125,000 to benefit our children and families.



Congratulations to the 1st place team from First Bank, 2nd place team from Arthrex and 3rd place team from Caloosa Dental. Thanks to all golfers, sponsors, prize donors, volunteers and the outstanding staff of Naples Heritage Golf & Country Club.

[See Photos and Event Details](#)

Board Member Mike Bayer Honored

We presented the 2nd annual Brad Young in Service to Children & Families Award to Michael Bayer of West Palm Beach, an RCMA board member since 2000 who currently serves as vice president and as chair of the Head Start committee.



Mike has always been a strong advocate of including and supporting families to give children the best education possible. Executive Director Isabel Garcia (left) and Patti Young, Director of Nutrition and Wellness Services (right), thanked Mike for his dedication.

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Saluting an RCMA Alum for Memorial Day

Salvador Hernandez attended our Wimauma Community Academy from Kindergarten through 8th grade and joined the U.S. Army in 2019. We salute him for not only his service but his inspiring words about how RCMA helped him and his family.


[Discover Salvador's journey](#)

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