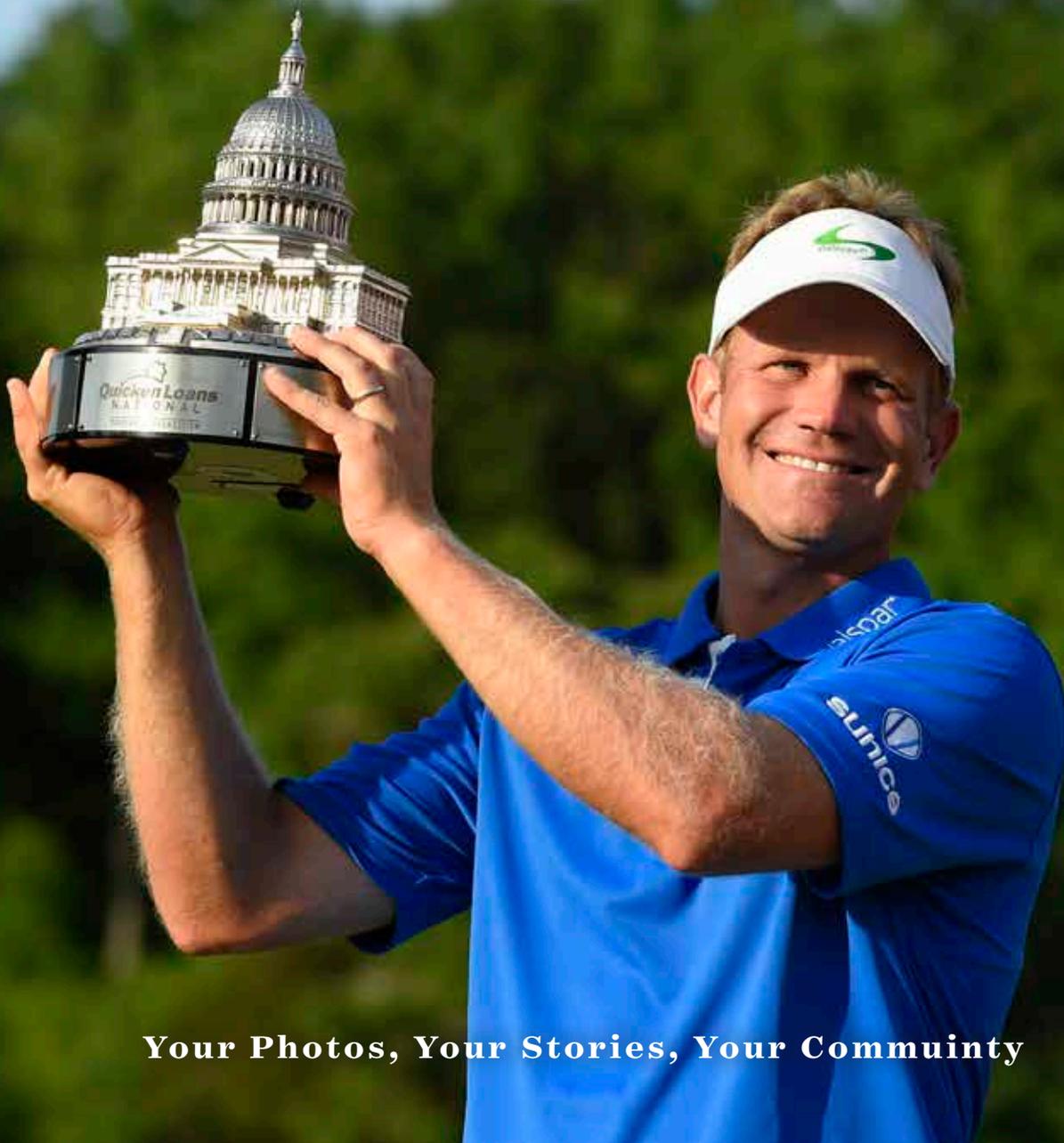


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Dr. Sheilah Lynch AND TOM HOGAN

Co-Chaired Gala for Catholic Coalition for Special Education



Several hundred supporters gathered in the atrium of the Embassy of Italy on March 24 for the sold-out, signature fund-raising event for the Catholic Coalition for Special Education.

While the generosity of friends is still being tallied, this annual benefit supports the volunteer work of CCSE to engage and encourage Catholic schools and archdioceses to educate children with disabilities in inclusive classrooms alongside their peers.

The Gala Co-Chairs for the evening were Dr. Sheilah Lynch and Mr. Tom Hogan.

Dr. Lynch, a Chevy Chase plastic surgeon, appreciates the outpouring of support for the Gala and says, "Sharing in the journey to help children with disabilities and their families, is a community effort that we all must join and support."

Dr. Lynch's husband and Co-Chair, Attorney Tom Hogan, a Principal of F/S Capitol Consulting of Providence and Washington, DC, has faith in the future for those with disabilities living in the community.

"The programs at CCSE strive to unlock individual potential. And my family, along with the determination of many others, shows what great changes can result from a robust community effort. That is what the Gala is about, and Sheilah and I are appreciative to be associated with such a fine organization," said Mr. Hogan.



Mr. Hogan emphasizes that donations are always welcome and may be given through the website at <http://bit.ly/give2ccse>.

Through CCSE's Believe in Me! Program, Catholic schools located in Washington, D.C. or Maryland may receive seed grants to expand or create sustainable programs enrolling two or more students with cognitive disabilities. Funding may be used to hire and train special educators, purchase equipment and materials, or provide appropriate accommodations and modifications to the curriculum.

CCSE also provides scholarships to Catholic school teachers to attend professional development and training classes.

The mission of the Catholic Coalition for Special Education is to ensure that children with special needs are able to attend and receive an appropriate education in their local Catholic elementary schools and high schools. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI "no child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." CCSE provides grants and technical assistance to help Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. and Maryland achieve this goal.



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