Dear AGC Members,

During the past 26 months, we have had a laser focus on completing The Little Darling Par 3 Course. I am convinced the successful construction and grand opening of this spectacular venue will be a watershed event in the history of Alexandria Golf Club. The Little Darling Par 3 Course will create a long list of cultural opportunities for AGC and the Alexandria community which will pay dividends for generations to come:

- Little Darling will attract a very diverse range of golfers, making it a perfect environment for networking, socializing, and fostering a strong sense of community.

- Little Darling will bring together golfers of all ages and skill levels – from young beginners to seasoned veterans.

- The inclusive atmosphere of Little Darling will promote intergenerational connections, mentorship opportunities, and the chance for our youth to learn valuable life lessons that will build character and help them become the leaders of tomorrow.

Along with a long list of cultural opportunities, Little Darling will generate significant financial opportunities for AGC and for our Alexandria community:

- The addition of The Little Darling Par 3 Course will take pressure off our core golf course, creating an opportunity for new AGC members and more play.

- Little Darling will receive significant attention throughout the golf industry and generate additional tourism to the Alexandria area.

- Little Darling will give us the opportunity to establish the Pee Wee Resorters for 7- to 9-year-old junior golfers from across the country. With time, the Pee Wee Resorters could become an incredibly popular event for families from all over the U.S.
- Little Darling will provide a pipeline for future AGC members. As youth, beginners to the game, and young families learn to play golf at Little Darling, they will become future members at AGC.

The cultural and financial benefits listed above are only possible with a premier par 3 golf course available at AGC. For this reason, construction of The Little Darling Par 3 Course has always been Phase 1 of the project and I'm thrilled, and grateful, we have successfully completed the construction phase and we are all looking forward to the Grand Opening of Little Darling next summer.

Phase 2 of The Little Darling Project is the construction of a Junior Learning Center. The Junior Learning Center will be an integral strategic component of youth development in Alexandria and will also function as the Little Darling pro-shop and clubhouse. With this in mind, Rob and Ted Thompson of CI Construction have been instrumental in helping design The Little Darling Junior Learning Center. Our goal has been to ensure the facility is cost efficient while meeting the myriad of needs we have for the facility. I have included the current rendering of the facility below:

Key Features:

Lower level

- A small pro-shop to manage Little Darling operations
- Two hitting bays equipped with golf simulators for youth instruction, practice, and member usage during winter months
- Artificial putting green for youth instruction, practice, and member usage during winter months

Upper level

- Conference room overlooking The Little Darling Course for youth instruction and meetings
- Large upper deck to provide parents and families an enjoyable and comfortable viewing area for The Little Darling Course. 7 of the 9 Little Darling holes will be visible from "The Little Darling Lookout" making it a fun destination for families and friends to spend meaningful time together.
- Modest restaurant and beverage center area for families and youth to enjoy snacks and beverages while building memories to last a lifetime.

This past winter we created the Alexandria Junior Golf Foundation (AJGF), an IRS recognized non-profit 501(c)(3). The AJGF will own and build The Junior Learning Center with tax free contributions and grants from foundations and interested

parties who share the same goals related to youth development. Although our primary focus to date has been on raising funds to complete construction of the golf course via our Founding Member Program, through word of mouth and a high level of interest in our overall mission, we have already raised approximately $700,000 towards construction of The Little Darling Junior Learning Center. This is just another example of the generous support from a community committed to help strengthen our youth and their families. I have included our mission statement below for your reference:

Our Mission: *The mission of the Alexandria Junior Golf Foundation is to strengthen the lives of our youth and their families from all walks of life by providing wholesome activities and educational programs through the game of golf. Our objective is to help our youth build character and develop important personal values like integrity, perseverance, honesty, patience, and respect for others. We believe the healthy development of our youth will foster new generations of outstanding leaders and strengthen our communities for a better future*.

We estimate the total cost of The Little Darling Junior Learning Center to be approximately $1.5 million and our goal is to begin construction next spring and complete the facility in the fall of 2025. If you know of individuals, Private Charitable Foundations, Donor Advised Funds, or those with Giving Accounts who share our commitment to youth development that would be potential contributors to this worthy non-profit, please let me know and I would be happy to contact them and share our vision. **As Winston Churchill once famously said, *"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."***

The Alexandria Junior Golf Foundation will also be granting a number of scholarships annually to deserving youth who might otherwise not have the financial means to be involved in golf. These annual scholarships will include access to our par 3 golf course, access to our world-class practice facility, and entry into Lisa Grimes' wonderful summer Junior Golf Program. As we strengthen our youth, we will strengthen their families and our community. I have a strong personal testimony of what golf can do to enhance a young person's development and help in their life-long quest for success. I'm especially grateful that so many of our AGC members, community leaders, and residents share that same feeling and I look forward to working with you to ensure the Alexandria Junior Golf Foundation is an integral part of youth development in the Alexandria area.

Thanks for all you do to make AGC and Alexandria the special place that it is!

All the best,

Jerry Rose
Little Darling Project Chair