



# ANNIE OAKLEY TOURNAMENT Breaks Records Again



By Kaitlyn Long

**THE ANNIE OAKLEY SHOOTERS** held their 15th Annie Oakley Tournament on November 9, 2018, at the historic Burge Plantation in Mansfield, Georgia.

"It started with a downpour but miraculously cleared up to give us a memorable tournament benefiting Shepherd Center's SHARE Military Initiative," says tournament chair Niv Persaud. "We are grateful to our amazing tournament committee, volunteers, donors, sponsors and participants! With their help, we donated \$76,400 to an important program for our veterans and their families."

This year's \$76,400 donation was record-breaking, the largest donation to Shepherd Center from the tournament to date.

The Annie Tournament attracted shooters of all skill levels – thanks to their unique format that counts individual scores versus team scores – for a fun day of shooting. Following the shoot, guests enjoyed live music, a fabulous cocktail buffet, bourbon tasting, awards and raffle prize drawings. The Annies also featured a fundraising campaign called the "Red Ladder Initiative." Tournament goers had the opportunity to pick donation tickets off signature ladders, painted bright red, placed around the room to give a special gift directly to SHARE clients. These donation tickets included group dinners, community outings, gift cards and so much more! This initiative creates a wonderful connection so that people can directly see the impact their gifts have on the lives of SHARE clients.

"I cannot explain our excitement for the Annies to be partnering with Shepherd Center's SHARE Military Initiative," says Mary Huntz, executive director of the Annie Oakley Shooters. "We continue to rejoice in the achievement of Shepherd clients as they receive the rehabilitative care they so desperately need."

The Annie Oakleys are a diverse group of women shooters whose mission is to enhance awareness and enjoyment of women's clay shooting sports by offering fellowship, quality instruction and opportunity for the sport. The Annies meet the second Monday of each month for a day of shooting and camaraderie. Each fall, the Annies host an open clays tournament. Shepherd Center has been the fortunate beneficiary since 2016. This year's tournament is already on the books for Friday, November 8, 2019. \*



1. The Tournament Presenting Sponsor Team Miller/Marsden included (left to right) Don Williams, Ted Miller, Chip Myers and Mike Mooney. 2. Tournament Chair Niv Persaud catches a moment with Shepherd Center co-founder Alana Shepherd at the 15th Annie Oakley Tournament. 3. Members of the Annie Oakley's present a check for \$76,000 to Shepherd Center.



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