



Backfield In Motion Tees-Off Annual Golf Tourney At Hermitage Golf Course

Backfield in Motion (BIM) is a Nashville, TN based non-profit organization that believes academic achievement and exposure to diverse opportunities for learning can inspire inner-city boys to reach their maximum potential and become significant contributors to society.

Typically, inner-city kids are raised in a household with no strong male role model present, brought up by a single mother, an aunt, or a grandmother who works long hours just to keep the family surviving.

Often times, matters at home are also compounded by patterns of alcohol, drug and mental abuse. These are the boys Backfield in Motion pulls from the reach of gangs, crime and drug abuse.

Specifically, Backfield in Motion serves boys ranging in ages from 10 to 18, with the majority of them coming from economically disadvantaged households within the Metropolitan Nashville (TN) area.

BIM coordinates an intensive tutoring program throughout the week plus a Saturday School which is made up of four hours of interactive, hands-on learning with the primary focus on reading, language arts and math. (<http://www.backfieldinmotion.org>)



Coch James "Boots" Donnelly, (R) CEO of Backfield In Motion, former MTSU football coach welcomes Bud Graham (L) to the fund-raiser tournament at HGC.

Golf carts await former NFL players and other celebrities

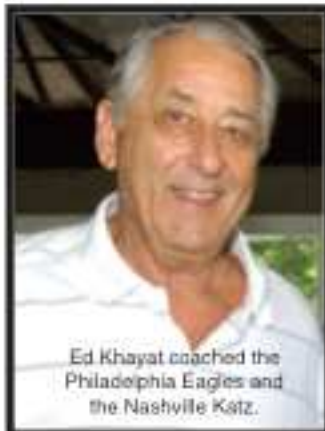
Over 100 celebrities attended the fund-raiser on Friday, July 10.



Tony Rice, former CFL player and Notre Dame QB.

Curtis Baham, former Seahawks player and current Fox Sports analyst

Ross Brownr (seated R) is Vice President of Corporate and Community Development for BIM. He played for the Cincinnati Bengals and is in the College Football Hall of Fame, as he started 4 years for the Fighting Irish.



Ed Khayat coached the Philadelphia Eagles and the Nashville Kitz.



John Lane (R) goes through the food line. All food was donated by Molly James, owner of Jim and Nick's Barbeque.



Art Still, (L) comfortably waits for the tourney to begin. Still is a 4-time Pro Bowler and played for the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kentucky Wildcats.



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