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# Grayson Murray Foundation establishes scholarship fund at Hazelden Betty Ford to expand access to addiction treatment

RALEIGH, NC — More people struggling with addiction will soon have access to life-changing treatment, thanks to a new scholarship fund created in memory of the late PGA TOUR champion Grayson Murray. The **Grayson Murray Scholarship Fund**, established at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, will help remove financial barriers for adults and young people ready to begin their recovery journey.

The foundation's leaders say this new partnership delivers on one of Grayson's most heartfelt wishes.

"Grayson believed deeply in second chances and in the power of recovery," said Jeff Maness, President of the Grayson Murray Foundation. "He knew that the decision to seek help is one of the bravest a person can make — and that financial barriers too often stand in the way. This scholarship fund is our way of delivering on Grayson's own wishes: to help others in need that want to heal."

The fund was first announced at the GRAYSON MURRAY CLASSIC, a charity golf tournament that brought together athletes and entertainers to celebrate Grayson's life and legacy.

The Grayson Murray Scholarship Fund will help ensure that no one is denied care because of financial hardship. By covering treatment costs at Hazelden Betty Ford's adult and youth campuses in Center City and Plymouth, Minnesota, the fund provides real, immediate help for individuals and families ready to begin the journey toward recovery. By expanding access to care, it honors Grayson Murray's legacy and advances the Foundation's commitment to compassion, resilience, and hope — with each scholarship representing another life restored and another chance at healing.

"When Grayson spoke openly about his struggles with mental health and addiction, he gave hope to countless others. Through this partnership, that hope continues," Maness said.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Grayson Murray Foundation for establishing this scholarship fund in memory of Grayson," said Ahmed Eid, Vice President of the Midwest Region at Hazelden Betty Ford. "This generous gift will directly support patients who are seeking hope and healing but face financial barriers to care. We know first-hand of the urgent need to expand access to treatment and to destigmatize mental health and addiction. Grayson's legacy will live on in the lives transformed through this fund, and we are honored to be part of that story."

Grayson was admired as much for his candor as for his competitive fire on the PGA TOUR. He bravely shared his personal experience with anxiety, depression, and addiction before his untimely passing in May 2024. After his death, Grayson's parents, Eric and Terry Murray, launched the Foundation to carry forward his mission — as Grayson himself wrote, to “help the ones that want to be helped but might not have the help they need financially.”

Through partnerships like these, the Grayson Murray Foundation continues to build a future where mental health and addiction care are accessible, supported, and destigmatized.

To support the Grayson Murray Scholarship Fund, contact Victoria Ballard, Associate Director of Development at Hazelden Betty Ford, at [VBallard@hazeldenbettyford.org](mailto:VBallard@hazeldenbettyford.org) or visit [GraysonMurrayFoundation.com](https://GraysonMurrayFoundation.com).

*If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the national suicide and crisis lifeline in the United States at 988 or visit their website at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).*

## **ABOUT GRAYSON MURRAY FOUNDATION**

The Grayson Murray Foundation was created to honor the life and legacy of PGA TOUR golfer Grayson Murray, who courageously shared his struggles with mental health and addiction. The foundation's vision is to create a noticeable impact on mental health — fostering a culture of understanding inspired by Grayson's legacy of compassion, resilience, and hope. Learn more at [GraysonMurrayFoundation.com](https://GraysonMurrayFoundation.com). #BeKindtoOneAnother

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## **ABOUT THE HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION**

Harnessing science, love and the wisdom of lived experience, the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation is a force of healing and hope for individuals, families and communities affected by substance use and mental health conditions. As the nation's foremost nonprofit provider of comprehensive behavioral health care, the Foundation leads the way in helping society rise above stigma and overcome addiction. With a legacy that began in 1949 and includes the 1982 founding of the Betty Ford Center, the Foundation now has treatment centers and telehealth services nationwide, as well as a network of collaborators throughout health care. Charitable support and a commitment to innovation drive ongoing advances in care, research, programs and services to impact more lives. In addition to clinical care, Hazelden Betty Ford encompasses a graduate school, a publishing division, a research center, thought leadership and advocacy, professional and medical education programs, school-based prevention resources and a specialized program for children. Learn more at [HazeldenBettyFord.org](https://HazeldenBettyFord.org).

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