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AdventHealth Polk Foundation hosts inaugural pickleball tournament to support breast cancer detection

DAVENPORT, Fla. (Monday, April 13, 2026) -- More than 100 community leaders and members came together to help raise funds to support lifesaving breast cancer

screenings in Polk County, as part of the inaugural AdventHealth Polk Foundation Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Classic.

The tournament, presented by Amy and Ed Laderer, was held Friday, April 10, at The Courts of Gary and Dr. Naomi Boyer in Polk City. Proceeds from the event will help purchase new 3D mammography equipment for the AdventHealth Heart of Florida campus, expanding access to advanced imaging technology and strengthening early detection close to home.

The Centers for Disease Control said breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women, which is approximately 13% of the female population in the United States, will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Health experts say mammography is the single most effective method of early detection, since it can identify cancer several years before physical symptoms develop. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that women who are 40 to 74 years old and are at average risk for breast cancer get a mammogram every two years or as advised by the women's physician.

“This event is about coming together as a community to make a real difference in the lives of those who call this area home,” said Leigh Ann Wynn, who serves as executive director of the AdventHealth Polk Foundation. “The AdventHealth Polk Foundation is grateful to community members for their support as we look to invest in this important technology that will lead to earlier diagnoses and better outcomes for our neighbors, friends and families.”

The tournament featured open doubles play with two divisions based on a self-identified USA Pickleball Skill Level. Some attendees also got to play with and be coached by All Florida Pro League athletes as part of a special experience offered at the event.

Pickleball continues to grow in popularity across Polk County, making the event an opportunity for residents to stay active, connect with others and support a shared cause that impacts countless local families.

You can learn more about the AdventHealth Polk Foundation, its mission, future events and more by clicking [here](#).



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AdventHealth Polk Market President and CEO Tim Clark (right) and Leigh Ann Wynn, executive director for the AdventHealth Polk Foundation, (right) welcome attendees to the first annual event (photo courtesy: AdventHealth)

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