

## **Wee One Foundation**

In 1985, four friends traveled to Scotland on a golf trip. The caddies were making wagers as these golfers stood on the tee. One caddie declared, "My money's on the wee one!" The "wee one", Wayne Otto, CGCS, our dear friend and colleague, passed away October 21, 2004, losing his battle to cancer. Wayne dedicated his life to the betterment of the golf maintenance profession he loved and to the individuals who shared his passion.

## **Wee One Foundation Mission**

The Wee One Foundation was developed as a tribute to Wayne to assist golf course management professionals (or their dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources. Through the Foundation's work, Wayne's legacy will never be forgotten.

## **More in Need**

Since its inception in 2004, membership within the Wee One Foundation has grown to over 350 in 17 states. More importantly, the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$170,000 to families in Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and North Carolina. As the Wee One grows more people are helped and more funds are needed to distribute.

## **Iowa GCSA and what we can do to help**

Two times the Wee One Foundation has helped a fellow Iowa superintendent and his family who had fallen on hard times because of medical financial burden. The Iowa GCSA has been very generous in their support of the Wee One Foundation, but that is not enough, I would encourage you to go to [www.weeone.org](http://www.weeone.org) and think about joining this great organization.

I hope that none of us will ever need the Wee One Foundation but I am pleased that there is an organization out there whose sole purpose is to help golf course superintendents and their families when they fall on hard times. Please take the time to look at their organization and see if you too can be part of this great organization.

Thank you,

Rick Tegtmeier