For Palm Beach Day School, I volunteered for community service. My grandmother Cha Cha is one of my favorite people in the world and is also nearly blind. To help people who are losing their sight, I decided to organize a backgammon fundraiser tournament to raise some money. With the help of my dad, who is on the board of the United States Backgammon Federation, we hosted a charity backgammon tournament on May 13th called The Charlie Briggs Classic. This tournament will now become an annual event to benefit various charities.

We decided to raise funds for the Florida Outreach Center for the Blind and enlisted the help of our family friend and FOCB board member, Michelle Rogers, in our mission. I am proud to report that we had 38 players and raised $7,055 for the charity. My Dad and I went to the FOCB headquarters to deliver the news and the funds from the tournament. It was very gratifying to know that the money raised will help many people live fuller lives.
Charlie Briggs with his aunt, Joanie Van der Grift and his father, Jason Briggs

With Appreciation from Florida Outreach Center for the Blind to all participants!
“Big Check” presentation from Charlie Briggs to Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc, accepted by Patricia Aponte, Certified Visual Rehabilitation Therapist at FOCB

Left picture: FOCB Board Member Michelle A. Rogers with Charlie Briggs.

Pictured below: FOCB Board Member Drew Wright with Michelle’s mother, Renee C. Rogers.