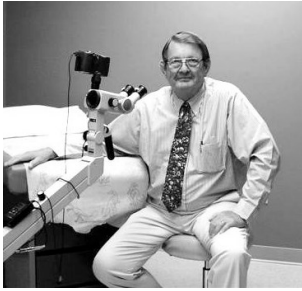


## Remembering Dr. David Ater



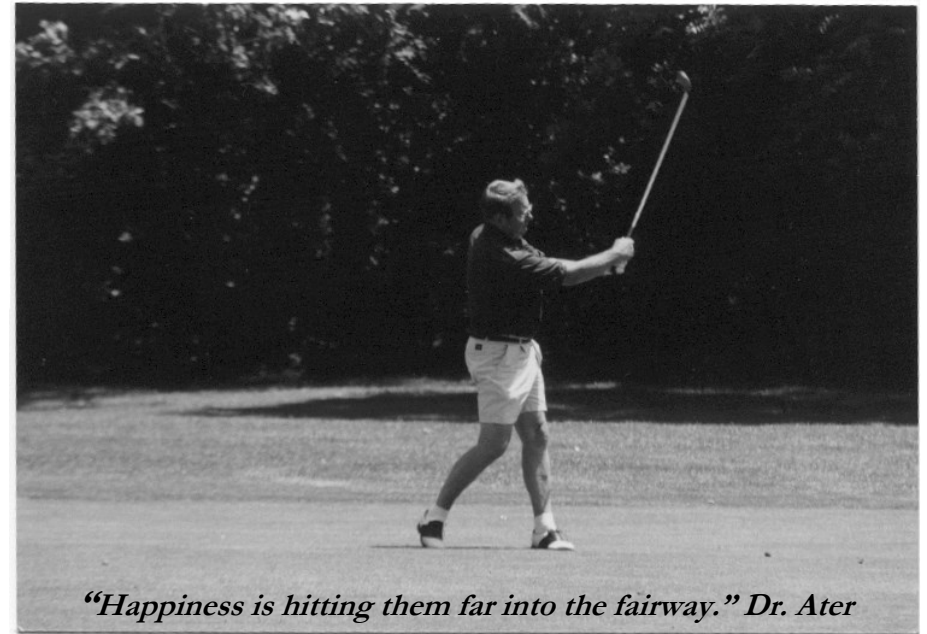
Dr. Ater practiced medicine for 35 years and was a pediatrician at Smith and Fleischer Pediatric Group. He worked at the Child Protection Center since 1999 doing more than a hundred child abuse exams and interviews with children. He went for advanced medical training in the area of child abuse in November 2003. In addition to investing himself in improving

his skills, he invested himself in each child that he worked with and was passionate about getting them the help they needed to heal. He also was dedicated to seeing that justice was served and testified in court as needed. Every day that he worked at the Child Protection Center, he showed up with a smile on his face and a story to share. He treated every person he met with respect and compassion. The children would share their stories with him and allow him to examine them because they instinctively trusted him.

Dr. Ater was honored in the health care category at the American Red Cross' first Heroes Breakfast in which he showed his humility when he said upon receiving the honor, "I feel unworthy of this honor. I've only done what I've been expected to do. This was my calling." He was honored again in 2004 during Child Abuse Prevention Month when he was awarded the Col. Richard C. Enderlin Award for his lifelong work with children. Following this award, he gave a short but very emotional speech where he reiterated, "It was a calling for me."

Golfing was another big passion of Dr. Ater's and he would golf when he could with his family and friends. So, after he died, it seemed like an obvious decision to rename our golf tournament after him. It was the perfect way to blend our love for him with some of the things that he loved—helping children and supporting the work of the Child Protection Center; as well as living life to its fullest, especially while enjoying a round of golf. We renamed the golf tournament in his memory with the permission of his family. We hope he is smiling down at our attempt to celebrate his life.

The mission of the Child Protection Center of Ross County, a Children's Advocacy Center, is to reduce the incidence and trauma of child abuse through a coordinated multi-agency approach. To promote healthy children, families, and communities through the professional provision of education, prevention and protective services.



*"Happiness is hitting them far into the fairway." Dr. Ater*

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