AMY BOCKERSTETTE’S FOUNDATION

Amy Bockerstette is a 21-year-old golfer from Phoenix, Arizona. She is a person with Down syndrome. Amy helped start a foundation in 2019. A foundation is a group of people that helps others. Along with her family, Amy started the I GOT THIS Foundation to help people with special needs play golf. Amy started playing golf in eighth grade and played on her high school’s golf team too. Then she received a scholarship to play golf at Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix. Amy is the first person with Down syndrome to receive an athletic scholarship to attend college!
Amy is a Special Olympics athlete too. She swims and she plays golf and volleyball in Special Olympics events. Amy was invited to represent the Special Olympics at a PGA golf tournament in January 2019. She was excited when professional golfer Gary Woodland invited her to play a practice hole during the tournament. Amy hit a great shot, but it landed in a sand trap. Hitting a ball out of a sand trap can be hard. Gary offered to help Amy, but she said, “I got this!” Amy hit the ball out of the sand, and then she hit an amazing shot to put the ball into the hole!
People posted a video of Amy’s amazing shot online. The video went viral, with more than 44 million people seeing it! People everywhere saw Amy’s confidence. They saw Amy try her best. Amy inspired many people, including people with special needs. Amy and her family got an idea. They thought playing golf could help people with special needs be confident and try their best too. Playing golf could help people make new friends and get exercise. It could help people see new places, make great memories and have fun! To help people with special needs do all these things, Amy and her family started the I GOT THIS Foundation in October 2019.

Click on the website link to see the video of Amy’s amazing shot:
The I GOT THIS Foundation thinks everyone can play golf!
The Foundation helps people with special needs learn about golf and play golf too. The Foundation gives golf lessons and organizes golf events. They help people with special needs to join golf teams and earn athletic scholarships. The Foundation wants people of all abilities to be included in the golf community. The Foundation helps people to try their best, like Amy. The I GOT THIS Foundation wants everyone to be able to say, “I got this!”
1. WHAT is the main idea of this story?
   - Amy Bockerstette and her family started a foundation.
   - Amy Bockerstette played in a golf tournament.
   - Amy Bockerstette is a Special Olympics athlete.

2. CIRCLE True or False about the following statements:
   - Amy Bockerstette is a person with Down syndrome.  
     True False
   - Amy Bockerstette is from Reno, Nevada.  
     True False
   - Amy Bockerstette played golf with golfer Tiger Woods.  
     True False

3. ANSWER these questions about the story:
   - What is a group of people that helps others?  ______________________________
   - What does the I GOT THIS Foundation help people play?  ______________________

4. NUMBER these events in the order they happened or will happen:
   - _____ Amy Bockerstette helped start the I GOT THIS Foundation.
   - _____ Amy Bockerstette played golf at a PGA golf tournament.
   - _____ Amy Bockerstette received a scholarship to play golf.

5. CIRCLE Fact or Opinion about the following statements:
   - Gary Woodland is the best golfer.  Fact Opinion
   - The I GOT THIS Foundation helps people with special needs.  Fact Opinion
1. WHAT are you good at?   Why?

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2. WHO inspires you?   Why?

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3. DESCRIBE a time when something challenged you.

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4. HOW can you help others do their best?

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