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David was born on September 20, 1955 in Wenatchee, Washington to William and Addeline Grier. His father worked for the government and would sometimes take David to work with him where they would sneak off and play golf during the day. He has an older sister, Susan, and an older brother, Donald. David attended Chambersburg High School in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1973. He also attended Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania from 1973-1974.

David got hooked on golf around age 13, when he started caddying at Chambersburg Country Club in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He caddied there throughout high school and could play on Mondays as long as he worked on the weekends. David played on his high school golf team and wrestled all four years of high school.

From 1973-1975, David worked part time at Pennsylvania National Golf Club under PGA Professional Terry Gontz. From 1976-1983, he worked as an assistant at Fountain Head CC in Hagerstown, Maryland for PGA Professional Chuck Pessagno where he was elected to PGA membership in 1981. From 1983-1984, he was the PGA Director of Golf at Mid Pines Resort in Southern Pines, North Carolina. From 1984-1990, he was the PGA Director of Golf at Carroll Valley Resort in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. David has been the owner and Head PGA Professional at Yinglings Golf Center in Hagerstown, Maryland since 1990. At least nine of David's assistants have become PGA Professionals. He still communicates regularly with most of them and is very proud of not only how they run their facilities but also, their high regard for their families.

David's integrity is beyond reproach. He gives 100% to all areas of junior golf. In 1990, his facility instituted a summer golf camp for kindergarten through fifth graders. It begins with a five-day session the week after school ends in early June. The juniors return each subsequent Wednesday morning for a 9-hole round. The program ends with a competitive 9-hole tournament during the 1st week of August (a trophy and a Washington County junior golf shirt is given to every child). This keeps an annual resurgence of youth coming through their doors. They have an average of approximately 75 kindergarteners through 5th graders each year. They have also had three Maryland State High School champions and countless state qualifiers that started their "golf careers" through this program. From 1996-2005, David's facility supported the local Girls Club's "Hook a Kid on Golf Program." Recognizing that there are a limited number of golf courses available within Washington County for students to play on, he committed his facility to support eight local high schools during the fall golf season by allowing each high school team to play once a week at no charge.

David has served on the nonprofit Dick Kelly Memorial Foundation since 1994. The Foundation was formed shortly after the death of Dick Kelly, a junior golf promoter in the 1960s, for the purpose of "molding tomorrow's winners." Since its establishment, the foundation has been instrumental in building the Tri-State area's (Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia) junior golf program from the ground up. Beginning in 1994, the foundation has held the annual Dick Kelly Memorial Team Championship, an adult Four-Ball competition which raises funds for the Tri-State Junior Golf Association. Since 1996, the Tri-State Junior Golf Association has used the funds raised by the foundation to conduct a five tournament series for 12-18 year olds, giving them the opportunity to compete during the summer. It awards all graduating seniors (who play in at least three of these events and will be attending college) a \$1000 scholarship to go toward the cost of their higher education. Since its beginning, the foundation has attracted over 3500 golfers and awarded scholarships totaling \$140,000. It began with five tournaments and an average of 37 players. In 2005, during its 12th year of the program, an average of 86 players participated in each event. The Tri-State Junior Golf Association has allowed David to see a growth of golf in Washington County. He knows that their committee and sponsors are very proud of this. In

addition to promoting the game of golf to junior players, there is also the opportunity to teach other lessons through the game - lessons that the participants will carry with them into their adult years. David also volunteers with the Hagerstown Junior College golf team and he also helps some of the local high school golf coaches with player improvement.

David met his wife Judy in 1980 while teaching a golf class at the YMCA. They were married on March 27, 1982 and have three daughters, Ashley, age 24; Andrea, age 21; and Alicia, age 19. They also have dog named Jasmine, who is 16 years old and still kicking. His oldest daughter, Ashley, is a two-time Middle Atlantic Section Titleist Junior Tour Champion, a Maryland State High School Champion, Freshman Player of the Year at Jacksonville University, graduate of the University of Central Florida, 2005 Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year, and a current member of the Women's Futures Tour. David's daughters have also played in numerous MAPGA Titleist Junior Tour events with success. Andrea is a junior at Marshal University and Alicia is a freshman at Coastal Carolina University; both playing golf with their school team. David and Judy have been fortunate to experience almost every moment of their daughters' golf careers and watch them grow spiritually and mentally, and mature into well-rounded young women. David hopes he has instilled the same values in all the kids with whom he has been associated during his 18 years at Yinglings Golf Center.