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INAUGURAL HEART & SOLE 5K RUN RAISES \$14,000 FOR COMMUNITY PEDSCARE

JACKSONVILLE, FL — Despite heat and thunderstorms that delayed and ultimately canceled the inaugural Heart & Sole 5K Run for Community PedsCare, nearly 500 runners and 19 sponsors combined their efforts to raise more than \$14,000 at this evening event in San Marco in late June.

“Thanks to the sponsors’ and runners’ commitment to this cause, we are so proud of the amount raised from this first-time effort,” noted Nancy Lantinberg, event chair. “Although the force of Mother Nature canceled the 5K, we are still thrilled that everyone participated.”

Community PedsCare is a pediatric palliative and hospice program for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. The program was established in 2000 by Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, in collaboration with Wolfson Children’s Hospital, Nemours Children’s Clinic and the University of Florida–Jacksonville. The program offers in-hospital and in-home medical, nursing, psychosocial, spiritual, volunteer and other services to support, comfort and care for children and their families.

Most Community PedsCare services are not reimbursed by insurance and are provided without charge to patients’ families. Charitable gifts, through individual donations and fundraising events, provide vital funding for this care.

Supporters of the event included the DuBow Family Foundation, Fieldstone Apartment Community, Millstone Village, The Arnold Family, Michael DeSanto Family, Ellison Vein Institute, Farah & Farah, The Petway Family, Stein Mart, Sandy, Brooke and Leah Zimmerman, The Emans Family, EBS Family Foundation, Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute, the Lantinberg Family, Joan and Ronnie Levin, The McGriff Group, Pet Paradise, Vandroff Insurance Agency and Winn Dixie.

Established in 1979, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida is the first and only community-based, nonprofit hospice provider to serve residents of the First Coast. Each day, through the support of nearly 700 employees and 850 volunteers, the organization helps more than 1,000 patients live better with advanced illness. During its more than 30-year history, the organization has served more than 62,000 adults and children in Baker, Clay, Duval,

Nassau and St. Johns counties—at home, in long term care and assisted living facilities, hospitals and at its four inpatient care centers. Community Hospice Foundation™ generates philanthropic and community support for patient care services, family needs and community programs, such as Community PedsCare®, a nationally recognized pediatric palliative and hospice program. No one is ever denied care due to an inability to pay. To learn more about the support and services of Community Hospice, visit www.communityhospice.com.

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The inaugural Heart & Sole fundraising run in support of Community Hospice's pediatric palliative and hospice program featured live entertainment, food and activities for children, specifically for those in the Community PedsCare program.



Families, including Community PedsCare patients and staff, participated in the one-mile fun run prior to the main event.



Runners lined up for the inaugural 5K run, but ran for shelter instead as ominous dark clouds and thunder took priority at the starting line.