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## **ROONEY'S GOLF FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,123 FROM A 5K RUN/WALK AND \$12,342 FROM THE SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT TO EIGHT LOCAL CHARITIES**

West Palm Beach, FL – Rooney's Golf Foundation recently distributed \$22,465 to eight local charities as a result of their spring fund-raising events. Local Rooney Family businesses, Palm Beach Kennel Club and Rooney's Beer Company coordinated the 5K Run/Walk and golf tournament with a committee of volunteers.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rooney's 5k Run/Walk was held on Saturday, April 15 at Palm Beach Kennel Club. This year's run raised \$10,123 for Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Greyed A Greyhounds, Pathways to Independence, Potentia Academy and Westgate / Belvedere Homes CRA, with the help of sponsorships and 381 participants. Next year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual RGF 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Palm Beach Kennel Club.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rooney's Spring Golf Tournament was held at Abacoa Golf Club on Thursday, May 11 at Abacoa Golf Club. The event raised \$12,342 for to benefit four local charities including Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Awesome Greyhound Adoptions / Hounds & Heroes, FAU Honors College and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RGF Spring Tournament will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Abacoa Golf Club.

"We had a great turnout for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run / Walk and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Golf Tournament. Our goal every year is to help raise funds for amazing local charities and have some fun along the way. We were very happy to distribute \$22,465 in donations to eight wonderful organizations. We also want to thank the participants, sponsors and volunteers who make these events happen" said Alexis Barbish Executive Director of Rooney's Golf Foundation.

Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated \$728,427 to local Palm Beach County charities since 2001. These funds are raised through the golf tournaments, 5K Run/Walk, poker tournament and luncheon events. The 16th Annual RGF fall tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2017 at Trump National Jupiter and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Overcomer" Luncheon, featuring Anthony Ianni, will be held Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the National Croquet Center.

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Picture ID left to right: Theresa Hume-PBKC, Sherri Carter-PBKC, Elizee Michel – Westgate CRA, Carolee Ellison & Stretch- Awesome Greyhound Adoptions, Duane Meeks – Potentia Academy, Dick Busto- APPBC, Pat Rooney Jr.-PBKC, Alexis Barbish-PBKC, Lynelle Zelnar- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach and Jon Buechele Jr. – Pathways to Independence