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**ROONEY'S ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK ANOTHER SUCCESS**  
**The 4th Annual Rooney's Breaks Records for Attendance & Donations**

West Palm Beach, FL, May 24, 2011 – The 4th Annual Rooney's 5k Run/Walk was held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in Abacoa, Jupiter. This year's run raised a record \$17,000 for Autism Project of Palm Beach County, FAU Honors College, Place of Hope and Potentia Academy with the help of sponsorships and almost 950 participants. The headlining sponsor was Wachovia – A Wells Fargo Company and presenting sponsors were: Joseph C. Kempe, PA; Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath and X1 Law.

“Another great year! In fact, our best year! The number of runners, monies raised and most of all, the enthusiasm topped all of our previous races. A special thanks to Race Coordinator, Alexis Barbish, and Race Director, Dave Ragsdale, as well as our volunteers and sponsors for all of their efforts. We couldn't have done it without them! I am most proud of what our team was able to accomplish for our four charities-over \$4000 to each. Thanks again to all who ran and helped. We will (somehow) do it again next year. Hopefully BIGGER and BETTER!” said Patrick Jr. Rooney Jr., Rooney's President.

A pre-registration party was held at Rooney's Public House in Abacoa the night before the race. All sponsors and participants were invited to pick up their numbers, goodie bags, and T-shirts while dining on the Carb Buffet or Irish favorites and listening to live music. The course had participants starting on University Drive, traveling on South Central Blvd and crossing the finish line in front of Rooney's Public House. The Kids 1 Mile was a big hit with children from 3-14 years old participating. Prior to the awards ceremony, all were treated to a breakfast feast featuring Rooney's world famous Irish Toast.

This family event also includes appearances by Ace The Poker Bear, Hamilton R. Head of the Jupiter Hammerheads, face painting by Cookie the Clown, and raffle prizes from various area restaurants, sports items, and concert tickets. Next year's Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> on the streets of downtown Abacoa in Jupiter.

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The Rooney's Golf Foundation is now preparing for its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Since 2001, Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated over **\$267,000** to local Palm Beach County charities.

Pictured: Seated – Theresa Hume, Janice Meeks, Alexis Barbish, Selena Smith, Jeanette Campfield, Sarah Anne Livoti and Karen Bradley. Standing – Jonathon Miller, Kyle Henderson, Duane Meeks, Bill Dunn, Dick Busto, Dave Ragsdale, Patrick Rooney, Jr. and Patty Rooney