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**ROONEY'S ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK DONATES \$21,000!
The 7th Annual Rooney's 5K Contributes to Five Local Charities**

West Palm Beach, FL – The 7th Annual Rooney's 5k Run/Walk was held on Saturday, April 19 in Abacoa, Jupiter. This year's run raised a \$21,000 for Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization, FAU Honors College, Pathways to Independence and Potentia Academy with the help of sponsorships and 1,043 participants. The headliner sponsor was Bettor Racing OT and additional sponsors included: The Honda Classic, Juno Beach Animal Hospital and Place of Hope.

"Despite threatening weather, we had a great turnout for our 7th Annual Rooney's 5K, and the event raised an impressive \$21,000 for our charities. We also try to make it a fun day that everyone enjoys and wants to come back to each year. We are so proud of this event and it could not be done without the incredible sponsors, volunteers and Race Coordinator Jessica Davis, and Race Director, Dave Ragsdale," said Alexis Barbish Executive Director of Rooney's Golf Foundation.

The course had participants starting on University Drive in Abacoa, traveling on South Central Blvd. and crossing the finish line in front of Rooney's the Gastropub. 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 famous Irish Toast.

This family event also included appearances by Ace the Poker Bear, Roger Dean Stadium's Hamilton the Hammerhead, greyhound pets, the Easter Bunny and raffle prizes from various businesses. Next year's Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 11.

The Rooney's Golf Foundation is now preparing for its 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Since 2001, Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated more than \$473,000 to local Palm Beach County charities.



Pictured: – John Buechele, Jessica Davis, Theresa Hume, Sarah Mears, Alexis Barbish, Kyle Henderson, Janice Meeks, Duane Meeks, Patrick Rooney, Jr, Bill Dunn, Diane Reeves, Beverly Kelly, Anne Dichele, Sue Tomlinson, Susan Buechele, Kaitlyn Decker