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17th Annual Human Race Raises \$200,000 For Local Nonprofits

Greensboro, NC, – On Saturday, March 26th, an estimated 6,200 people gathered at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex to participate in the 2011 Human Race, an annual charity walk and 5K running event that is managed and promoted by The Volunteer Center of Greensboro.

Blair Ramsey, 13, took first place in the 5K run for the second year in a row. Nearly 300 runners registered to participate in the 5K run. Both runner and walker turnout increased by nearly 24 percent when compared to the 2010 Human Race. All Human Race participants enjoyed live music, massages, and free food after they completed the 5K walk or run.

As of Race Day, Linda Spangler was the top individual fundraiser, raising \$5,325 in support of the National Foundation for Transplants/JVS Team. JVS are the initials for Linda's son, Jason V. Spangler. Jason was born with one kidney, which is now only 15% functional. Jason needs a transplant in the near future. Donations collected by the JVS team will go into an account with the National Foundation for Transplants to help Jason and his kidney donor with transplant related expenses. "The part of the event I enjoyed most was the day of the Human Race when I saw all of the people out there walking and running for different nonprofit organizations. It made my heart feel good. It was a wonderful sight to see everyone laughing, singing and enjoying themselves," said Linda Spangler.

The National Foundation for Transplants/JVS team was just one of the nonprofits that collected donations through the 2011 Human Race. As of Race Day, 100 nonprofits raised approximately \$200,000 through The Human Race.

Top Five Nonprofits as of 3/25

- Haynes-Inman Education Center PTA - \$25,219
- Gateway Education Center PTA - \$19,577
- Bell House, Inc. - \$16,984
- National Foundation for Transplants JVS Team - \$11,572
- Animal Rescue & Foster Program - \$9,215

In addition to nonprofit coordinated fundraising campaigns, 40 businesses and other organizations contributed to the total raised. They formed Walking Teams to support the charity of their choice.



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Top Five Walking Teams as of 4/8

- Bank of America - \$21,791.37
- United Way Young Leaders - \$3,301.00
- Samet Corp. - \$1,563.00
- Deluxe Corp. - \$1,240.00
- Deuterman Law Group - \$1,130.00

“The wonderfully unique thing about The Human Race, as opposed to other charity walks, is that you can choose who you want to support, thus making it a race for *your* cause,” said Hollie Rose-Galli, the Executive Director of The Volunteer Center.

Many other local businesses and organizations helped make the event possible through monetary and in-kind donations. Bank of America was the Marathon Sponsor for the seventh year in a row.

Even though Race Day has passed, the deadline to turn in funds has not. The Volunteer Center will continue to process and deposit donations as long as they are submitted. Donors should also check with their employers to see if they will match their donations to their favorite nonprofit through The Human Race.

The Volunteer Center of Greensboro strengthens nonprofits by making meaningful volunteer connections, providing North Carolina Association for Volunteer Administration (NCAVA) accredited workshops, criminal background checks, and other programs. For more information on The Human Race or other Volunteer Center programs, visit www.volunteergso.org.

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