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ROONEY'S ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK DONATES A RECORD \$23,000! The 6th Annual Rooney's 5K Contributes to Four Local Charities

West Palm Beach, FL, May 24, 2013 – The 6th Annual Rooney's 5k Run/Walk was held on Saturday, April 13th in Abacoa, Jupiter. This year's run raised a record \$23,000 for Autism Project of Palm Beach County, FAU Honors College, Pathways to Independence and Potentia Academy with the help of sponsorships and 987 participants. The headliner sponsor was Wells Fargo Company and additional sponsors included: X1 Law, Bonneau Accounting Services, Gordon Food Service and Place of Hope.

"Every year we try to top the previous year's Rooney's 5K and this year's event helped raise a record \$23,000 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 Coordinators, Alexis Barbish and Jessica Davis, and Race Director, Dave Ragsdale," 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, Cookie the Clown, greyhound pets, complimentary massages and raffle prizes from various businesses. Next year's Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 19th on the streets of downtown Abacoa in Jupiter.

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The Rooney's Golf Foundation is now preparing for its 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 25, 2013. Since 2001, Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated over \$396,000 to local Palm Beach County charities.

Pictured: Seated – Jessica Davis, Celeste Siodia, Karen Bradley, Janice Meeks, Susan Buechele Standing – Dick Busto, Theresa Hume, Alexis Barbish, Patrick Rooney, Jr, Kyle Henderson, Beverly Kelly, Bill Dunn, Diane Reeves, John Buechele