Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Hosted Successful UNISHRED 5K 4 Kids Race, Benefitting the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center





Fort Lauderdale, FL (January 19, 2015) – The Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus hosted the <u>4th Annual UNISHRED 5K 4 Kids</u>, a family-friendly race for all levels of experienced runners and walkers on Saturday, January 10. More than 350 participants enjoyed a new scenic course, which winded through the historic Victoria Park neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale.

Last year's *5K 4 Kids* changed the life of double-amputee, Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center "Kid's Hero" **Brian Douglas**, 11, who served as the *5K 4 Kids* Race Captain. He completed the race without the use of formal running prosthetics. This past summer he was awarded a set of new running blades from the Amputee Blade Runners and proudly debuted them on Saturday. Joining him this year was Race Co-Captain **Ketsia Jean**, 6, who ran her

very first race. Both CDTC Heroes were welcomed by cheering fans as they crossed the finish line. Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler was the Master of Ceremonies and presented Brian and Ketsia with medals.

Over \$33,000 was raised from the UNISHRED 5K 4 Kids, which benefits children with special needs from Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) and provides scholarship opportunities for the Saint Anthony Foundation for Education (SAFE). The Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus began the 5K 4 Kids Race as a way to help support the needy children of Broward County. Major sponsors of the event include: UNISHRED, Broward Health, Conrad & Scherer Attorneys at Law, and Resolve Marine Group. The Restaurant People, Quarterdeck, and PDQ also provided special offers to all walkers and runners.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for the wonderful men of Saint Anthony's Knights of Columbus. The entire parish has been so generous to the center and our families. We are truly honored to be a beneficiary of the 5K 4Kids again," said Ana Calderon- Randazzo, Ph.D., Executive Director of Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center.

The Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) is a not-for-profit organization that serves more than 11,000 children with special health care needs in Broward County. CDTC's mission is to promote the optimal health and well-being of children with special health care needs by providing them with comprehensive prevention, intervention, and treatment services, within a medical home environment. CDTC is a nationally recognized "Center of Excellence" which offers a unique system of care for infants, children, and youths with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and developmental delays. Medical care and social services are provided to children, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

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