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**11TH ANNUAL HEROES FOR EDUCATION 5K BREAKS RECORDS FOR THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Event Raised Over \$120,000 to Support Programs in the School District of Palm Beach County**

(Lake Worth, FL) – The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County’s 11th Annual Heroes for Education 5K raced into the record books at John Prince Park on October 5. More than 2,000 students, families and “Education Heroes” participated – the largest turnout in the event’s history – raising over \$120,000 to fund classroom grants, innovative programs and student success across the School District of Palm Beach County.

The Education Foundation awarded \$15,000 in prizes directly to 38 schools, recognizing top performers and school spirit from 127 participating schools across the district. The morning featured multiple races and family friendly fun, including the Kids 1-Mile Fun Run, Kids 100-Yard Dash and the popular School Mascot Dash.

“This was our largest Heroes for Education 5K ever, and that means the biggest impact yet for our schools,” said James Gavrilos, President and CEO of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. “Every step taken helps us keep Palm Beach County a top-performing, A-rated school district. We’re proud to see our community come together to support the teachers and students who make that excellence possible.”

Awards were presented in several categories. The Heroes Award for Largest Overall Team went to Saddle View Elementary School with 217 participants, earning \$1,500 for their school. The Largest Elementary School Team, Binks Forest Elementary School; Largest Middle School Team, Polo Park Middle; and Largest High School Team, Forest Hill Community High, each received \$1,250 for their school. The School Mascot Dash winner earned \$250 and was the West Boynton Middle School Stingers. The fastest teams in the elementary, middle and high school categories were also recognized, along with age group winners and overall champions.

Sponsors included UnitedHealthcare, Optum, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, Tanger, Keiser University, CORE Construction, Hospital for Special Surgery, Palm Beach Orthopedic Institute, Raising Cane’s, B&I Contractors, Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, NCCI and Gold Coast Federal Credit Union.

Founded in 1984, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County serves as a vital link between the county’s public schools and the community. The Foundation awards grants, supports innovative programs and scholarships, and provides necessary school supplies and resources through Red Apple Supplies, its signature program. With more than 100 initiatives, the Foundation helps close achievement gaps, prepare students for postsecondary success and create measurable, positive change for over 100,000 students.

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