Walk a Mile in Their Shoes 2010

On Saturday, March 27th the Sulzbacher Center hosted its fourth annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes 5K and 1-Mile Walk. Over 600 runners and walkers came downtown to show their support for the Sulzbacher Center. Former Jacksonville Jaguars player and Walk a Mile in Their Shoes spokesman Tom McManus participated and Senator Tony Hill came out for the second year to run in the 5K.

Community health providers partnered with the center for a health fair on the Sulzbacher Center campus. Baptist Health provided blood pressure screenings, First Coast YMCA did body composition testing, St. Vincent’s Health Care provided glucose and cholesterol testing and UNF’s School of Nursing provided foot and blood pressure screenings to event participants. Runners lined up after the 5K to receive a free massage from Keiser Career College students. 100 Black Men of Jacksonville and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida were both on hand to provide information on health.

A big thank you to the Stellar Foundation who was the presenting sponsor for the second year and has committed to being the presenting sponsor of the event for the next two years. Special thanks for the success of this year’s event go to local attorney and Sulzbacher Center board member, Kelly DeGance for her leadership in the fundraising for Walk a Mile in Their Shoes 2010.

Stay tuned for some exciting additions to next year’s event which may include an earlier date and a 10K run!
Dear Friends,

Every day here at the Sulzbacher Center we see first hand the power of partnerships. With the number of people who are hungry and homeless increasing every day, no one organization can go it alone. At the Sulzbacher Center, our Board of Directors formed a Strategic Relationships Committee to work on enhancing our existing partnerships and building new collaborations in order to serve more people. It is important work and we have seen tremendous success throughout our programs at the Center.

When a parent with a young child needs to look for work, Community Connections provides high quality day care for Sulzbacher residents. Goodwill helps provide job training and job skills programs for our residents as well. The Humane Society takes good care of beloved family pets when people need to seek shelter at the Center. Second Harvest Food Bank helps provide us with food for almost 1400 hot, nutritious meals every day of the year.

Our state of the art dental clinic now sees patients in the evening through a partnership with Volunteers in Medicine and a generous donation from Vince and Linda Ferrigno.

The children who call the Sulzbacher Center home will go to summer camp this summer – for free – through a wonderful collaboration with the Police Athletic League.

Families who are ready to move into a place of their own are helped by Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church with furniture, household goods and a helping hand – making the move the celebration that it should be! The YMCA helps our families reintegrate into the community by offering low cost after school programs, nutrition classes and a real sense of belonging for families that have suffered homelessness.

And there are many, many more organizations that work with the Sulzbacher Center every day to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. We are so fortunate to live in a community where organizations come together for the least fortunate among us. At the Sulzbacher Center we understand that when we help folks get back on their feet, the quality of life in our community improves for all of us.

Warm regards,

Audrey McKibbin Moran

“I’ve always believed in supporting your community… when you better the lives of others you better your own life.”

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Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Jacksonville, more homeless families now have a place to call home. On March 2, 2010 members of the Jacksonville community joined Mayor John Peyton at the Sulzbacher Center for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Susan and W.C. Gentry Family Dormitory.

After the ribbon cutting, guests were invited to tour the new dorm areas, each fully furnished with two sets of bunk beds, two wardrobes, a sink, and one bathroom per two adjoining units. Furniture for a new game room, and two family gathering rooms, was generously provided by donors Jeff and Darlene Spence, in honor of their daughters Sarah Spence and Elizabeth Calkins; Ben and Diana Davis, in memory of Mary Lou Davis; and Berrylin McGehee Houston of the Ray Sutton McGehee Family Foundation in memory of her mother Ray Sutton McGehee.

Many community leaders attended the opening, including Sulzbacher board chair Michael Gehlen, who recognized Susan and W.C. Gentry, for whom the family dormitory is named. Susan Gentry has been a Sulzbacher Center Board of Directors member since 2003. Over the last ten years, the Gentrys have donated more than $500,000 to support the center’s life changing programs.

In May, the Sulzbacher Center will also celebrate the opening of its new behavioral health clinic. The need for mental health care has been recognized for many years as the largest service gap we have in our community. As a result, we have doubled our staff and increased services with the help of federal stimulus funding. With this funding, we have added an Assistant Behavioral Health Director, increased hours for existing behavioral health staff, and formed a partnership with Gateway Community Services to provide substance abuse classes and counseling here at the Center. In the past year alone, we have increased the mental health services provided by 31%. We currently see over 700 patients each month for medical case management and behavioral health care.

We are grateful to our 2,000 volunteers who served 29,488 hours valued at $602,229 in 2009. Thank you for helping us achieve our mission of helping homeless men, women and children find the way home. Congratulations to E.L. “Butch” Toney for receiving the first volunteer of the year award. In recognition of Butch’s contributions to the center, each year the Sulzbacher Center will give one outstanding volunteer the E.L. Toney Volunteer of the Year Award.
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Our Mother’s Day cards are the perfect way to honor the special mothers in your life. When you buy one of our beautiful cards you are supporting the comprehensive services that the Sulzbacher Center provides to homeless men, women and children every day in our community.

Inside greeting:

In celebration of Mother’s Day, a donation has been made in your honor to provide a homeless man, woman or child with a safe night of shelter at the Sulzbacher Center.

Happy Mother’s Day!

The artwork featured on our Mother’s Day card was created by a child living at the Sulzbacher Center.