

Race for the Arts - History

Race for the Arts is the brain child of Annette Johnson and was established in 2002 to raise awareness and monies for arts programs in Palm Beach County schools. The planning started in the 2000 and by 2001 we started our campaign for sponsors. The event is an advocacy tool to show case the talent of our students. Race for the Arts is a sanctioned 5K run and Fun Walk and is a 501(c)(3) charity through the School District of Palm Beach County.

Over the past 10 years we have raised over \$200 thousand dollars through the generous support of corporate sponsors, pledges and registrants in the 5k run and fun walk.

2011 was our 10th anniversary, we had more preregistered runners and walkers than ever before including 65 children preregistered for the Make Your Mom Proud - Kids 1 Miler!! Even in a challenged economy with community support we raised over \$13 thousand dollars that benefited 26 schools based on their level of participation; we had over 600 participants with runners, walkers and volunteers.

In 2010 we added a kid's 1-miler and raised \$20,649 that benefited 27 schools based on their level of participation; we had over 500 runners and walkers in the 5k and more than 100 volunteers.

In 2009 we changed locations to John Prince Park in Lake Worth and raised \$20,425 benefiting 33 schools based on their event participation; we had 490 runners and walkers and approximately 110 volunteers.

Due to Race for the Arts, over the years, schools were able to purchase stereo systems, sponsor field trips, purchase art supplies, photography equipment, books, instruments, and sheet music.

Every year we sponsor a student art contest and the winning art work adorns that year's race shirt. At the event students perform along the race route and on stage. Student art work is displayed at the pavilion for the community to enjoy.

Race for the Arts is a fantastic family event that supports the community by raising money for arts programs for the children and schools of Palm Beach County and this year, 2011, is our 10th Anniversary. Come out to the race, celebrate with us and enjoy the artwork, music and dance performed by the students of Palm Beach County!