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Children's Resource Network hosts Walk-a-Thon to fight child abuse and neglect



Network staff, including Senior Vice President Dr. Ted Greer (far left) led the walk on Nov. 8.

MIAMI—More than 200 people, including Cutler Bay Mayor Paul Vrooman who opened the ceremony, attended the South Dade Children's Resource Network's First Annual Walk-a-Thon to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The one-and-a-quarter-mile walk went along the perimeter road at Southland Mall, 20505 S. Dixie Highway in Cutler Bay.

"We made a small, but increasing, dent in raising awareness of child abuse and neglect in South Miami-Dade County. We have also made new friends and partners as a result of the walk. We look forward to next year's event," said Dr. Ted Greer Jr., senior vice president of the Network.

Community partners represented at the event included Community Health of South Florida — Children's Unit, the American Heart Association, Mujer, Alliance for GLBTQ Youth and Americorp volunteers.

Sponsors included Southland Mall; United Healthcare; Baptist Health System and Bally's Total Fitness, which led the warm-up exercises and provided in-kind donations.

The South Dade Children's Resource Network is a new service partnership founded by Kids Hope United that gives vulnerable families a single point of access to appropriate, effective, coordinated services. Services are available to qualifying families on a voluntary basis.

The initiative, funded by The Children's Trust, serves the communities of Cutler Bay, Goulds, Naranja, Perrine and Richmond Heights. Kids Hope United serves as the lead and fiscal agent for the grant.

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