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**Junior League Riverwalk Run Raises over \$50,000 for Community Projects**

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale recently raised over \$50,000 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverwalk Run, presented by RBC Bank. The annual event, which leads participants through historic Rio Vista, drew over 1300 individuals to participate in the 5-mile run, 5K run/walk and 1-mile kid's fun run this year. That was a 40% increase over the number of participants from 2007.

The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale uses the proceeds from the Riverwalk Run and other annual fundraisers to support current projects, including the signature Junior League Play Station at Holiday Park, Ronald McDonald House, a new Transitional Independent Living program to benefit teenagers who have aged out of the foster care system, and numerous Done-In-A-Day projects throughout the year.

The 8th Annual Riverwalk Run was presented by RBC Bank. Additional sponsors include, Franklin Templeton, Mad 4 Marketing, Broward Health, River House Restaurant, Publix, Rio Vista Civic Association, Fastboats.com, EDSA, Audrey Spitzmiller, Little's Portraits, Gatorade, Nova Southeastern University, Casbah Spa and Salon, Starbucks, Maroone, JM Family Enterprises, Seasons 52 Fresh Grill, Stiles Corporation, Running Soccer and Tri, Carpe Diem Botanic Water, the Vitamin Shoppe, Gosling's Rum, Panera Bread, The Runner's Edge, Tartack Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Las Olas Park Place, Running Wild, Edge Pilates, Chiquita Banana, AutoNation, Croissan'Time French Bakery, Protiviti, Fit Factor, Jamba Juice, IHOP, Edwin Watts Golf, and Runner's Depot.

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The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverwalk Run is scheduled for March 21, 2009 and the Junior League is already busy planning another great event.

The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale is a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Past Junior League projects include Museum of Art, Museum of Discovery and Science, Jack & Jill Children's Center, Kids in Distress, SOS Children's Village, Henderson Mental Health Clinic, OUR House, Susan B. Anthony Center, and Volunteer Broward. For more information, contact the Junior League office at (954) 462-1350 or [www.JLGFL.org](http://www.JLGFL.org).

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