Inaugural Walk the Walk raises funds for children's charities

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Over \$275.000 was raised for charities as the Children's Foundation of Palm Beach County had its inaugural Walk the Walk at the Palm Beaches Marathon on Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach.

Over 300 people participated in the walk along the waterfront, which raised funds for over 30 children's charities. The event included food stations with popcorn, pretzels and funnel cakes, along with children's activities including balloon animals, face painting and action videos, among others. All participants received a medal and gifts.

"Everyone had such a good time at the walk and it raised a substantial amount of money for local children's charities," said Pamela Weinroth, executive director of the Children's Foundation of Palm Beach County, which is based in

The event co-chairpersons were Yvonne Ackerman, Sharvn Frankel. Michelle Gluckow, Linda Schaps and Barbara Stoller Wittenstein.

Since its inception, the foundation has raised over \$14 million to fund specific programs of over 30 charitable organizations. The money has gone to projects and not into general funds. The foundation has fed, clothed, provided medical and dental services, kept abuse shelters open and sent at-risk children to summer camp.

Each year, the Children's Foundation of Palm Beach County serves over 9,000 children and its volunteers give 45,000 hours of their time each year to the charities with which the organization works.

Visit childrensfoundationpbc. org, call 561-488-6980, or email foundation@childrensfoundationpbc.org.

Walkers meet a stilt walker at the starting line of the inaugural Walk the Walk at the Palm Beaches Marathon. CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF PALM **BEACH COUNTY/COURTESY**



