

The Run for the Kids Race Series in Brevard County has been a beacon of hope and support for children and families since its inception in 2019. Through the efforts of participants, volunteers, and sponsors, the series has raised over \$175K to benefit programs and initiatives that directly impact the lives of children and their families. Thanks to the community support, the series has demonstrated the power of coming together for a greater cause of helping others.

## Give Kids a Smile, benefitted by the Tooth Trot 5K, January 2024

The Tooth Trot 5K is part of the Space Coast Runners Runner of the Year Series and is also the first race in the Run for the Kids Challenge. The Tooth Trot 5K will celebrate it's 27th Anniversary Run on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Wickham Park Community Center located at 2815 Leisure Way, Melbourne, FL 32935 and benefits Give Kids a Smile in Brevard County, Florida. Give Kids a Smile provides free dental care to children in need within Brevard County, Florida. All dental care is provided free of charge by member dentists of the Brevard County Dental Society (BCDS) and the proceeds raised by the Tooth Trot aids the BCDS to provide dental health education supplies, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste, for the children and their families. It is a great family healthy event with lots of food, fun and many door prizes to win!

## Brevard Autism Coalition, benefitted by the Brevard PALS 5K, February 2024

Brevard Autism Coalition creates opportunities for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. For the past 15 years, the 5K has provided funding for local children to attend summer camps designed with their socio-emotional needs in mind. The Brevard Autism Coalition 5K for Autism awareness raised significant funds to support the Prevocational Camp this past March. Funds raised through the Run for the Kids Challenge provided 4 scholarships for adolescents attending the Prevocational Adventure Camp and 15 scholarships were given for children and adolescents to attend the Camp-2-Can camp in June. Learn more: <a href="mailto:childrenand-c

## Brianna Marie Foundation, benefitted by the Brianna Marie Foundation 5K, March 2024

The Brianna Marie Foundation is a grassroots Brevard nonprofit that has raised more than \$800K in twelve years to fund research and support for fetal therapies, or surgeries that can be performed on babies while they are still in the womb. The Brianna Marie Foundation works with medical institutions around the world and conducts studies that are providing hope to babies and families that receive a negative fetal diagnosis. The BMF also serves as a resource for families that have lost a child and honors them each year at their event. The funds used from the 2024 event have been distributed to fund research on babies diagnosed with Spina Bifida and new methods to perform the surgery in leading edge ways that are safer than older traditional techniques. They have also worked closely with the University of California, San Francisco to fund a world-renowned Fetal Hydrops Center of Excellence where patients from around the world can reach out for medial and genetic guidance. Join the Brianna Marie Foundation on March 1,2025, at Wickham Park and celebrate the lives saved by Fetal Surgeries and honor babies that live in our hearts forever.

Learn more: www.briannamariefoundation.com or follow on Facebook.