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**TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY'S THIRD ANNUAL 8K RACE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY DEEMED AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!**

*Tampa, FL (April 18, 2017)* -- On a brisk, yet sunny day Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 35 registered runners gathered to participate in the 3rd Annual 8K Run To End Homelessness in our community. Sponsored by the Assisted Housing Department at the Tampa Housing Authority, the funds raised, as a result of this event and interim fundraisers yielded approximately \$7,000 to benefit homeless families.

Event sponsors of this event were: Cody Fowler Davis, Personal Injury Lawyers, P.A. Ivy Chen, Roni Group, LLC, Diane Frink, Edwin and Sonia Rodriguez, CGI Federal, Inc., Unique Car Service, Johnson Controls, Inc. Nasir And Jasir Martinez, Salon West Hair Studio & Spa, Nestle Waters North America, McDonalds Caspers Company, Wrights Gourmet, Concord Rents, CarePlus Health Plans, Inc., Cabot Creamery, PrimeNet Direct Marketing Solutions, Panera Bread, Clevamindz Entertainment, and Whole Foods, Inc.

Congratulations to the overall winners: Jamie Chantos with a time of 29:18 and Anthony Sullivan with a time of 34:39. Special thanks to our timekeeper Big Dawg Runnin, Inc.

President/CEO, Jerome D. Ryans said, "This race draws attention to the plight of the homeless in this community and is very close to my heart. We must take a stand and make a difference! We have a homeless pantry located at our corporate offices and welcome donations at any time to assist us in delivering needed services to this population. I want to send a special thank you to Margaret Jones and the Assisted Housing Department who work tirelessly all year long to support this cause of Homeless Lives Matter!"

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The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa promotes the development and professional management of a variety of affordable housing opportunities, facilities and supportive services that nurture neighborhoods, provides economic development and self-sufficiency activities for residents while assuring equal access to safe, quality housing for low and moderate income families throughout the community.

