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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA IS PREPARING FOR ITS 5TH ANNUAL “5K RUN AND WALK” TO HELP ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IS SEEKING SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Tampa (November 28, 2018) The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa is hosting its 5th annual “Race to End Homelessness” on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 8:00am-12 noon at the Al Lopez Park, located at 4810 N. Himes Avenue in Tampa. The entry fee for the 5K Bootcamp Run or 5K Run is \$35, the 1 Mile Walk is \$30 and group rates of 5 or less is \$130. Registration packets can be picked up at the Agency’s corporate office located at 5301 W. Cypress Street on February 15, 2019 from 8am-6pm.

The Housing Authority not only addresses the immediate needs of the homeless, but also extends services that allow homeless individuals to regain their footing back into society. To date, more than 165 homeless individuals have been housed. Additionally, a homeless pantry has been established and donations of snack items, toiletries, clothing, blankets, socks, bottled water, gift/food coupons and cash donations will be accepted at the agency’s corporate offices located at 5301 West Cypress Street, M-F, from 8am-5pm.

Over the last 10 years, the Tampa Housing Authority has been awarded more than \$10 million dollars by HUD through their VASH (Veterans Assistance for Supportive Housing) initiative that addresses the needs of homeless veterans which included provisions of safe, adequate housing; however, the work is far from done. This year’s goal is to raise as much as possible from donors like you, who recognize that homelessness is a community issue and not necessarily an individual plight. We place ourselves on the frontline as the change agents to help eradicate systemic and chronic veteran and individual homelessness, within Tampa Bay communities and urge you to join us in this event.

“This annual fundraiser is very important and allows us to do our part to ensure that everyone in our community receives needed assistance,” says Jerome Ryans, President and CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Tampa. “Nothing is guaranteed and many of us have our own stories of struggle and triumph that wouldn’t be possible without assistance from someone else. Realizing that, we choose to invest the resources entrusted to us to eradicate homelessness in our community.”

For participation go to www.thafl.com/run to register, you can also call our offices at (813) 341-9101 ext. 1470 to inquire about sponsoring this event, becoming a vendor or making a donation.

Homeless Lives Matter!

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About Tampa Housing Authority:

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 to nurture neighborhood and provide economic development self-sufficiency activities to residents while also assuring equal access to safe, quality housing for low and moderate income families throughout the community.

“Building a World-Class Community, One Family and One Neighborhood at a Time”