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SUPERHERO 5K AIMS TO RECRUIT ADOPTIVE PARENTS FOR LOCAL YOUTH

GAINESVILLE, FLA — Partnership for Strong Families (PSF), the lead community-based care agency in North Central Florida working with children who have experienced abuse or neglect, will host its second annual “Superhero 5K” race on Saturday, November 5 at Westside Park in Gainesville. All proceeds will benefit the recruitment of adoptive parents for local children.

The race will begin at 8:30 a.m., with check-in and registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. Participants may also pick up their registration packet at Fit2Run in the Oaks Mall on November 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration is \$20 for ages 16 and up and \$5 for children ages 6 to 15. Children under five may join free. Children in licensed foster care with PSF can also register for free. Registration includes a race timing bib for runners, goodie bag and race t-shirt for the first 200 adult registrants. Children’s t-shirts can be purchased for an additional \$5.

PSF created this event to increase awareness of the need for adoptive families for local foster youth. The need for teen and sibling adoptions is especially high.

“Every child deserves the gift of permanency but some youth, especially our teens and sibling groups, stand a greater likelihood of having to endure longer waiting periods before being adopted,” stated Stephen Pennypacker, President/CEO of Partnership for Strong Families. “We need Adoptive Families willing to open their hearts and homes to our local youth who are hoping to meet their forever family.”

Families are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero for the race. Afterward, participants will enjoy pizza from BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, information and giveaways from event sponsors and the chance to meet local children currently available for adoption.

Event sponsors include Skate Station Funworks, Fun 4 Gator Kids, BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse, Fit2Run, Law Office of Mary K. Wimsett, Kim Kazimour, Glassman & Zissimopoulos, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Craig Bost, OurTown Realty Group, Law Office of Katy R. Bost, Postpartum Wellness & Family Counseling, Aunt Goosey, LuLaRoe Christy Conner and Martie & Mike Gillen.

For more information or to register for the Superhero 5K, visit www.PSFSuperhero5K.org.

For more information about Partnership for Strong Families, please visit www.pfsf.org.

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About Partnership for Strong Families:

Partnership for Strong Families is the lead community-based care agency for Florida Judicial Circuits Three and Eight, including Alachua County. PSF is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Partnership for Strong Families also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the foster care system. PSF serves more than 5,000 children in 13 counties annually.