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5K/FAMILY FUN DAY& MUSIC FESTIVAL EXPERIENCES GROWTH

Lake Placid, FL, October 8, 2011 – Over 300 runners and walkers came out to participate in the 3rd annual Mason G. Smoak Foundation Family Fun Day & Music Festival. The race was not the only area the event experienced growth, as community from all over the Heartland came out to support the event at DeVane Park.

According to the Foundation President David Summers, “We had an unprecedented turnout of runners, participants, and sponsors. We love the unity this event brings to our community and surrounding areas in honor of Mason and the life he lived.”

Tommy Brandt and Caleb's Cadence filled the air with music as families walked from booth to booth enjoying food and refreshments and visited the many hands-on exhibits offered at the park. Attendees experienced bounce houses, bungee trampolines, face painting, clowns, a dunk tank, deep-fried treats, root-beer floats, and much more. Families enjoyed fun and fellowship at a very little expense.

Each runner that placed in the race took home an oak tree sapling and overall winners won a six-foot-tall oak tree as well as receiving a medal for their accomplishment.

“We are really excited about how the proceeds from this event will have such a huge impact towards funding our community grants, scholarships, and youth leadership program. This kind of success is clearly a blessing from God and a confirmation that the Mason G. Smoak Foundation is on the right track with our mission and that we are doing His work,” said David Summers.

The Foundation’s focus is currently on the Youth Leadership Highlands program. This program

is an opportunity for youth in the county to participate in a year-long leadership series that provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn about the Heartland community.

“Youth Leadership Highlands provides students an opportunity to develop leadership skills that will be crucial as they reach the next stage of their lives. I am hopeful this program will leave a positive impact teaching students about the importance of leadership and community,” said Micah Scanga, the Foundation’s Executive Director.

The Mason G. Smoak Foundation continues to actively make a positive difference in the lives of youth, and assisting those who suddenly find themselves in need. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting educational opportunities that preserve and protect the environment and agriculture.

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For more information on the 3rd annual Mason G. Smoak 5K Family Fun Day & Music Festival or the Mason G. Smoak Foundation please visit www.masongsmoakfoundation.org or contact Micah Scanga at micah@masongsmoakfoundation.org.

Photos from the 3rd annual Mason G. Smoak 5K Family Fun Day & Music Festival

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Face Painting is just one of the events that were available to participants

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Tommy Brandt fills the air with Christian country music

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Sally Durban, Tracee Snoak, Scott Durban. Carl Canevari with son Gage (left to right).

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5K runners take off from the start of the race.

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