



2011
walk
FOR THE
kids

WALK FOR THE KIDS 9/17/11

profit and attendance increase two-fold

Assembled at the Lee Wetherington Club on Fruitville Rd., walkers strode 1.6 miles near the Club on Fruitville for the 2nd Annual Walk for the Kids event. After the Walk additional families showed up at both the Lee Wetherington Club and at the Gene Matthews Club in North Port to enjoy a plethora of free activities and food including hot dogs, popcorn, healthy snacks, water slides, a climbing wall, dunk tank and a Dee Jay.

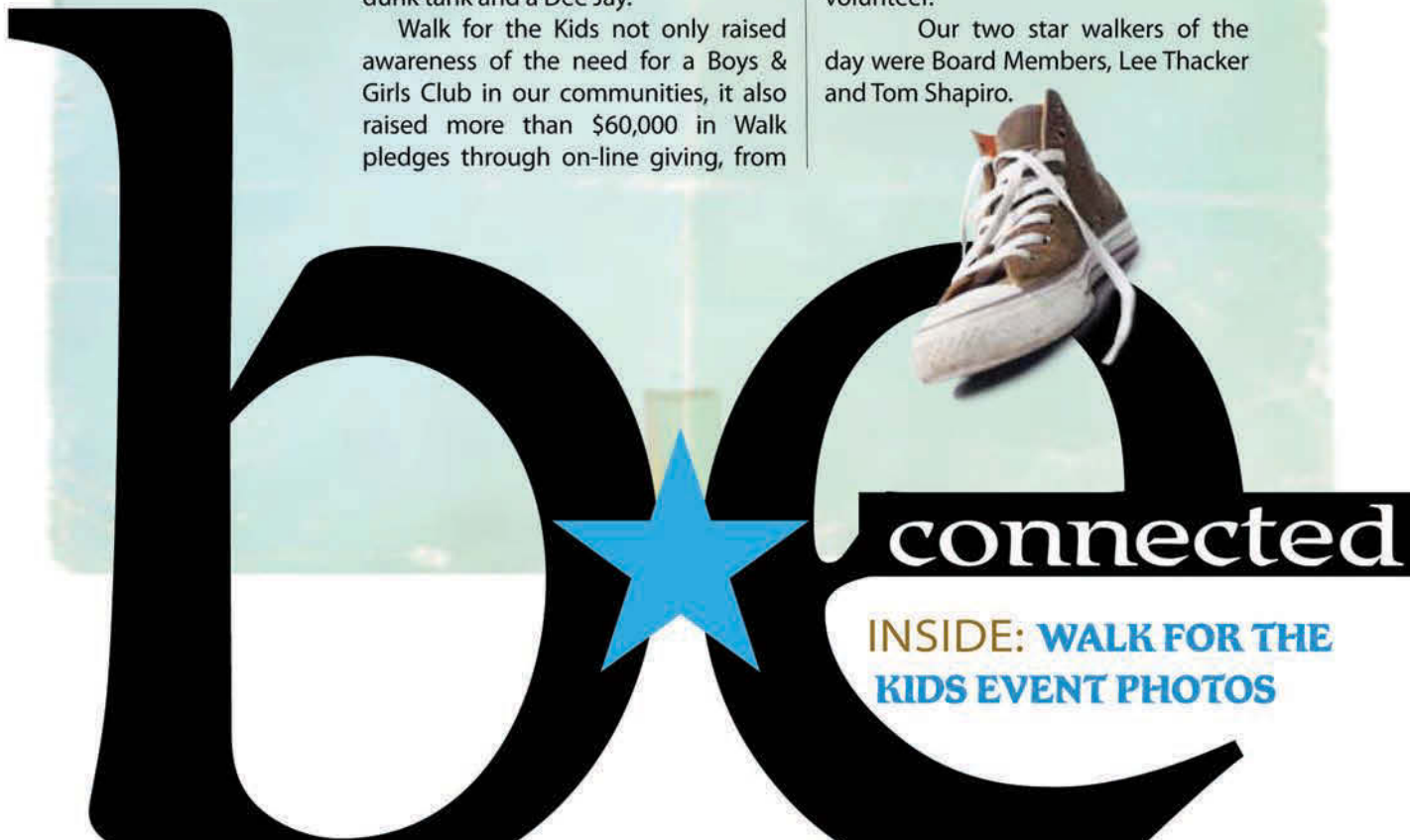
Walk for the Kids not only raised awareness of the need for a Boys & Girls Club in our communities, it also raised more than \$60,000 in Walk pledges through on-line giving, from

area businesses and from community groups such as Kiwanis, Sarasota Crew, BGC Keystone Club and the Women's Leadership Council.

Sheriff Tom Knight helped the Clubs promote the event on Clear Channel's radio stations.

Many businesses and community leaders supported the event through valuable sponsorships and encouraged their employees to walk as a team and volunteer.

Our two star walkers of the day were Board Members, Lee Thacker and Tom Shapiro.



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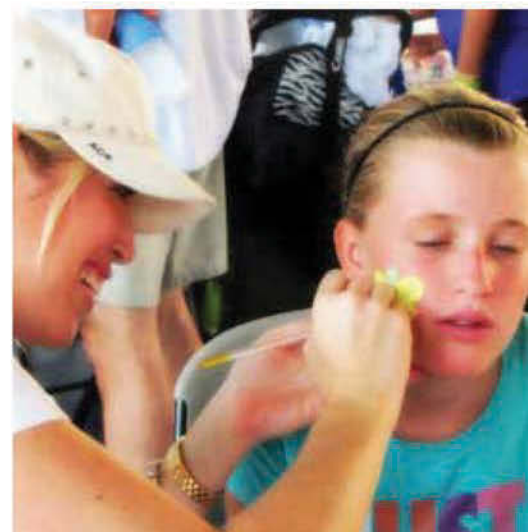
INSIDE: WALK FOR THE KIDS EVENT PHOTOS



North Port Day for Kids on Sept. 17 attracted more than 500 families. The day featured free activities, games and highlighted area businesses.



The BGCSC Keystone Clubs were the top team fundraisers at Walk for the Kids on Fruitville, raising more than \$13,000. Volunteers were also a big part of the event, from roasting hot dogs and popping popcorn to overseeing safety on the water slides and climbing wall. Special thanks to Trinity UMC, Best Buy, Pulte Homes and all our volunteers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For event information, contact Tamara Davis Chapman at 941-366-3911, ext. 121

OCT
14th

DOCTOR IDOL

Sarasota Orthopedic Associates is presenting sponsor for Sarasota's third annual "Doctor Idol," a battle of the bands featuring local musicians and physicians. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Michael's on East. Tickets are just \$25. www.doctoridolsarasota.com



OCT
22nd

CROW'S NEST TREASURE HUNT AND POKER RUN

The Crow's Nest will hold a different kind of boating event, a Treasure Hunt & Poker Run. Boat Entries cruise the waters of Venice seeking clues to find the Treasure and collecting cards for the best Poker Hand. Proceeds go to the Robert and Joan Lee Boys & Girls Club in Venice.



NOV
19th

DREAM MAKERS BALL

With decor, entertainment and food reminiscent of South Beach, the Hyatt Grand Ballroom will be transformed into a trendy dance club and sophisticated art gallery. Our black-tie optional event has been noted as the most elegant affair in Sarasota. www.dreammakersball.com



JAN 22nd
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FEB 19th

BGC JEWELS ON THE BAY DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE

For 16 years, Jewels on the Bay has showcased area's design and architecture and in 2012 featuring two homes on Bay Point Drive in Sarasota. The Boys & Girls Clubs of both Manatee and Sarasota Counties are the benefitting partners. www.designershowhousesarasota.com



FEB
9th

MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Women's Leadership Council each year honors four extraordinary people at a special luncheon. The honorees are chosen from nominations representing our four Club communities: Sarasota, Newtown, North Port and Venice.



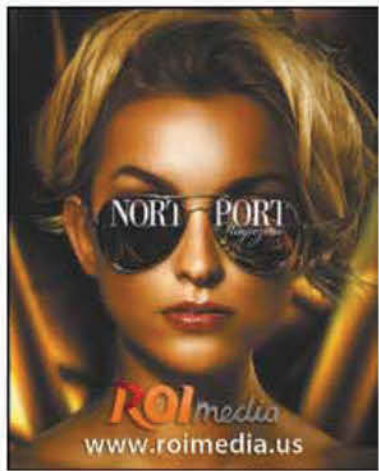
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Special thanks to Board Member, Joe Ziomek, for his sponsorship and donation to pay for a bus of 50 children from the Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club of Newtown and the Robert & Joan Lee Boys & Girls Club of Venice to attend Walk for the Kids.

Additional sponsors were Gene E. Myers Cardiac and Vascular Consultants, Inc., the North Port Sun and Community Physicians of North Port.

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PROGRAM NEWS

Gulf Coast Gives and Alex Harris take a Modernistic Approach to Giving

Because of the [Gulf Coast Gives](#) website, the Lee Wetherington Club was able to raise \$988 to begin construction on an in-house music studio. Under the guidance of Program Director Andrew Pierre-Louis and Teen Coordinator Nate Brown, club members will soon use this studio to record and mix their own music and videos! (The Gulf Coast Gives website was built and hosted by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice to communicate "affordable philanthropy." The website features charities from Boca Grande to Manatee County.)

Alex Harris, award-winning artist-in-residence at the Royal Theater Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast, is committed to the [vision of Boys & Girls Clubs](#) to provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through the doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle. Harris introduced a [Bridge Mentor2Mentor](#) initiative to the Roy McBean Boys & Girls Clubs of Newtown on August 11 with a performance of "Let's Get Together," an edgy, soulful ballad written and composed by Harris and performed by Club kids. He plans to launch the program in Newtown with an impactful message of working in harmony to [stop violence](#).



Club Connection Tour Schedule

*Lee Wetherington Club
Sarasota*

Tues., Oct. 18 – 4 P.M.
Tues., Nov. 1 – 4 P.M.
Tues., Nov. 15 – 4 P.M.

*Robert and Joan Lee
Club Venice*

Wed., Oct. 19 – 4 P.M.
Thurs., Nov. 3 – 4 P.M.
Wed., Nov. 16 – 4 P.M.



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