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***2011 Run To The Sun For Jeff* proceeds will benefit foster children's Christmas toy drive**

Daytona Beach, FL (SEP 30, 2011) – Community Partnership for Children is teaming up with the *Run to the Sun for Jeff* event of New Smyrna Beach to raise funds for a toy drive for local foster children. *Run to the Sun for Jeff* is an annual 4-mile timed run held in memory of Jeff Ridgdill, a longtime community advocate and New Smyrna Beach resident. The run is held the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year and is open to active runners and casual walkers. This year's event is Saturday, November 26 at 8:30 a.m. at Riverside Park in New Smyrna Beach. The event is $25 with advance registration through www.runtothesun4jeff.com or www.active.com or $30 on the day of the event. Advance registrants will receive a t-shirt, goodie bag, and brunch.

Born in New Smyrna Beach, Ridgdill was a lifelong area resident. A 1967 graduate of NSB Senior High School, Ridgdill earned a Bachelor's degree in education from the University of Central Florida and a Master's degree in education from Nova University. Ridgdill taught social studies, economics, government, law, and guitar, and sponsored the God First Always Club and Surf Club at Spruce Creek High School. In 2003, Ridgdill was named a "Point of Light" by Governor Jeb Bush. This prestigious award recognized his exemplary service to the community.

"Mr. Ridgdill touched the lives of many children and this event will do so in his honor by helping 500 local children have a wonderful Christmas holiday," said Community Partnership for Children CEO Mark Jones. ###

About Community Partnership for Children: Community Partnership for Children cares for over 1,300 children each year who have been victims of abandonment, abuse or neglect. The organization contracts with the Department of Children and Families and partners with local service providers to implement a quality system-of-care for the citizens of Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties.