

SDSBS team participated in the 4th Annual Red Shoe Run/Walk to benefit Ronald McDonald House

Members of the SDSBS Tallahassee office formed a team to participate in the Fourth Annual Red Shoe Run/Walk to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tallahassee, Inc. The event was held April 18, 2015. RMHC offers a "home away from home" for families with children facing medical challenges by providing a nurturing atmosphere of love, strength, comfort, hope, and courage. Red Shoe Society members volunteer at the RMHC house, organize fundraising events to support RMHC, and work to raise awareness and make a difference in the lives of the families served by RMHC. For more information, visit www.RMHC.org. ◆

Chris and Henry Searcy's long-time support of Autism Speaks was recognized with a special contribution

The SDSBS Walk Team participated with thousands of other individuals in the 2015 Palm Beach Walk Now for Autism held March 8. SDSBS was a sponsor. Chris Searcy and his son, Henry, received special recognition from Autism Speaks for their longtime support of the organization and its programs. A generous gift of \$25,000 was presented to Autism Speaks in honor of Chris and Henry



(I-r:) Henry Searcy, co-founder Bob Wright, and Chris Searcy.

by Larry Stewart and the law firm of Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain; William C. Hearon; and The Law Offices of Todd Stewart. Their gift will be used to provide assistive communication devices (iPads) to financially disadvantaged children and young adults with autism. To learn more about the organization, visit www.autismspeaks.org.



SDSBS joined Lung Cancer Alliance in its first Florida Lung Love Run/Walk

On March 7, 2015, the Lung Cancer Alliance held its first Florida Lung Love Run/Walk at Okeeheelee Park. SDSBS was a sponsor of the event and fielded its own team of participants. The Run/Walk was held to raise funds and awareness to support programs to fight lung cancer. This first annual event raised \$39,352 to support LCA and its programs. The tragedy of lung cancer hit close to home for SDSBS' paralegal Vince Leonard. Two years ago, his sister-in-law, Jacque' Johnson McCann, died from the disease. Vince and his family have been very active in supporting the work of LCA. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer of all, killing over 160,000 people each year – more than the other three leading cancers combined (prostate, breast, and colon). To learn more, visit www.lungcanceralliance.org. ◆

SDSBS volunteers participated in Earth Day's Great American Cleanup

SDSBS was a sponsor of the Great American Cleanup 2015 coordinated by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. The event is held in April each year in conjunction with Earth Day. SDSBS staff participated as volunteers for hands-on activities to improve their communities. Volunteers create healthier, cleaner, and safer environments by cleaning waterways and seashores, picking up litter, planting trees and other landscape, beautifying parks, and recycling. During the Palm Beach County Cleanup this year, over 3,500 volunteers picked up over 35,000 lbs of trash and 5,000 lbs of recyclables including 66 tires, and both large and small items ranging from cigarette butts to truck doors. They started or maintained community gardens, planted over 150 trees and more, smaller, native plants, and helped paint over graffiti. For more information on the program, visit www.keepPBCbeautiful.org.

