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ERAU Worldwide Culminates Fundraiser with Kickball Rally to Benefit Food Brings Hope

~Proceeds from a 3-months campaign to benefit FBH students~



DAYTONA BEACH, April 16, 2015 – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide (ERAU-WW) employees bought and sold tickets to attend fundraising events throughout the months of February, March, and April to help raise funds and awareness for Food Brings Hope (FBH).

Over the span of three months, employees purchased tickets to be participants of a series of bingo games, special trivia days, and ‘Bowling for Hope’.

Vouchers were purchased for ‘Jeans for Hope’ where ERAU-WW employees were allowed to wear jeans to work on the designated days. In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, on March 17 jeans and the color green were worn for ‘Green Pride Day’.

The series of fundraisers concluded with a rally that included a carnival and a friendly game of kickball on Friday, April 10. More than 150 spectators and players met on the west field at ERAU-WW for an afternoon of fundraising, fun, and friendly competition.

The rally included a day carnival that offered a deejay, face painting, silent auction, and hotdogs, chips, and drinks for sale. A baked goods table by Sherry Mauraides, ERAU employee and owner of Sprinkles & Spatulas, featured an assortment of homemade cupcakes, cookies, and other sweets.

Spearheading the campaign this year was Annamarie Garcia, verification and loan specialist for Embry-Riddle Worldwide.

“The Prom Dress Kickball Rally was a great way to get everyone together and what better way to raise awareness and funds for such an amazing organization,” stated Garcia. “I am very happy with the turn out and the amount of money we raised overall for FBH.”

Proceeds from the three month-long campaign will directly impact over 500 Volusia County students who benefit from FBH’s afterschool programs and initiatives through nutritious meals, tutoring, and enriching activities.

“Food Brings Hope is very grateful to ERAU Worldwide for their dedication in raising such an amazing amount of money and engaging in novel ways of raising funds to benefit our students. We are indebted to the university and all the individuals who have joined our fight against hunger, poverty, and homelessness”, expressed Forough Hosseini, FBH founder and chair. “Support from institutions like Embry-Riddle brings us closer to our goal of eradicating hunger among our school children.”