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## **BILTMORE FITNESS CENTER 2ND ANNUAL “RUN FOR SMILES” TO BENEFIT MIAMI CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

**CORAL GABLES**, December 2, 2003 -- The Biltmore Fitness Center will hold its 2nd annual Run For Smiles, a 5K Run/Walk Saturday, December 13, 2003. The USATF certified, timed 5K (3.1 mile) race with M/F age divisions and awards for top finishers will kick off at 7:30 a.m., followed by the walk at 7:33 a.m. The event will benefit Miami Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Starting and finishing in front of the Biltmore Hotel, South Florida runners/walkers will enjoy the winding course through the picturesque streets of Coral Gables. Pre-race activities include a warm-up routine with professional fitness instructors; post-race festivities feature face painting, clowns, and a performance by Actors’ Playhouse Children’s Theatre “Musical Miracles,” and a surprise holiday guest for the children. In addition, a silent auction featuring top travel packages, dinners, merchandise and more, will be held following the race

The entry fee for early registration through December 10 is \$18.00; for participants 18 and over and \$15.00 for 17 years and under, race day registration is \$20. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt and continental breakfast. Guests may also enjoy breakfast by purchasing a \$15 breakfast pass at the event.

“It is through the events like this one and the participation of the community that we build awareness and support for Miami Children’s Hospital’s programs,” said Ivette Diaz, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, Miami Children’s Hospital Foundation.

For race information and registration forms, log onto [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com), [www.biltmorehotel.com](http://www.biltmorehotel.com), or call 954-384-7521. For online registration go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Terry Prager at the Biltmore Fitness Center, 305-445-8066, Ext., 2683. Directions to the hotel, located at 1200 Anastasia Avenue in Coral Gables, can be found on the web sites listed above.

### **ABOUT MIAMI CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION:**

Miami Children’s Hospital Foundation raises funds and awareness for Miami Children’s Hospital, its programs and projects. Working together, the foundation and the hospital are committed to ensuring that no child will ever have to leave this region to receive state of the art pediatric care. For more information about the MCH Foundation please call 305-666-2889.