

Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop raises \$18,000 for local charities

Five local charities partnered up for the fifth Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop, a fundraiser involving the Sun Trolley and 10 local bars and restaurants traversing the city of Fort Lauderdale from the beaches to downtown, on March 13. The Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop has netted more than \$72,000 since 2007 for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Young Professionals for Covenant House, Riverwalk Trust, Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation and the Broward County Gator Club.

Approximately 1,200 attendees enjoyed a free cocktail from each of the participating venues that included YOLO, Tarpon Bend, Himmarshee SideBar and Grille, America's Backyard, Off The Hookah Restaurant and Lounge, Café Del Mar, Spazio, Automatic Slims and The Brick. The after party was held at Briny Riverfront Pub.

"The event significantly benefits everyone involved," said John Haley, event founder and chairman. "The Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop event serves the Sun Trolley's purpose with overwhelming satisfaction, fills restaurants with local support and helps raise funds for five charitable organizations."

"We expect the Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop will grow each time and will soon become a regularly scheduled event in Fort Lauderdale," said Haley.

Major sponsors included Land Shark Lager, *Go Riverwalk* magazine, Sun Trolley and Kind Design Advertising.

The next Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop will on June 26.

For more information about the Bus Loop event and the participating charities, call 954-574-6000 or visit www.busloop.org. ■



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