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**Community Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities**  
*Record Crowds Walk and Run to Support Their Favorite Local Charities.*

**JACKSON, WY.,—September 9, 2006—**The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole today announced preliminary numbers indicating that Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities 10 was another success.

Approximately 2,800 people ran, walked and wheeled in the event which will likely be the best attended of all-time. The record crowd took eight minutes to funnel through the start line, some running competitively, others for fun, and many in costume. The perfect weather provided one of the event's best backdrops to celebrate local philanthropy and community with continuous entertainment on two stages.

As of last Friday the event had raised almost \$4 million for local charities. Donations are still accepted at the Community Foundation office and online until 5:00 p.m. this Friday, September 15. All donations must be in the office by that time and postmarks will not be accepted. Donations are also accepted online at [www.oldbills.org](http://www.oldbills.org). The final dollar amount raised will not be announced until October 23.

To date, Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill and 27 Co-Challengers have contributed a record \$1,590,000 to match contributions that community donors designate to their favorite charities. Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill pledged an additional five years of their annual \$500,000 which will now last through Old Bill's 15 in 2011. This brings their total challenge to \$7.5 million over 15 years.

"Old Bill's Fun Run continues to redefine philanthropy," said Katharine Conover, President of the Community Foundation. "Today was a fantastic celebration of an event that has touched the lives of thousands in Jackson Hole."

Competitive winners at Old Bill's were awarded cash prizes to designate back to their favorite charities. Leading the competitive fields were:

Women's 10K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keri Wheeler 39:42
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nina Helm 41:36
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie Miller 41:58

Men's 10K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Marshall 39:02
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Kenworthy 39:16
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Konicek 39:50

Women's 5K:

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Bryan 20:01
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatrice Howard 22:16
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura McBean 24:27
- Men's 5K:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nate McClennen 19:06
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Schollmeier 19:00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Max Milbrun 20:22
- Youth Female 5K:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Cloetta 28:32 (tie)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Morgan Lunsford 28:32 (tie)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Marissa Peck 30:02
- Youth Male 5K:
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Springer 23:59
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Owen Winship 25:23
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Finnegan 25:25

**About Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities**

The first event of its kind in the nation, the idea for Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities came from an anonymous couple that has so far provided a \$5 million in matching funds over ten-years to encourage local philanthropy. Through the event, organized annually by the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, the community has raised more than \$38 million in nine years to benefit local charities. Last year, Old Bill's Fun Run 9 for Charities raised in excess of \$5.8 million for 183 local non-profits with 2,400 people running, walking or wheeling in the event. Old Bill's Fun Run 10 for Charities will be held on September 9, 2006.

**About the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole**

Created in 1989, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole improves lives through philanthropic leadership. The Foundation provides superior donor services, makes grants that positively impact the community, ensures sustainability of the philanthropic community and serves as a leader, catalyst and resource.

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