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### Helping our Community Run *Jackson Celebrates Philanthropic Tradition*

**JACKSON, WY – September 10, 2011** – Thousands arrived on the Square on Saturday to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities. To celebrate a decade and a half of giving, they wore their favorite Old Bill's shirt from the last 14 years. The result was a sea of bright colors representative of the vitality and diversity of the local nonprofit community. The camaraderie of the event combined with the perfect fall weather inspired the crowd to linger with their friends and neighbors to reminisce about the summer, enjoy a breakfast burrito with ingredients from the Bunnery and listen to some incredible local talent.

“For fifteen years, Jackson has come together on the second Saturday in September to celebrate local nonprofits,” said Katharine Conover, President of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. “Every year, I get to stand on the deck above the crowd and marvel at the strength and good will of our community. Even during such uncertain times globally, we stand solidly together locally.”

The day was filled with elaborate costumes, four legged friends and fierce competition in the Diaper Derby as well as the in competitive divisions. Race winners had the opportunity to distribute their winnings, from \$50 to \$1250, to their favorite participating nonprofits. After the run, 3,500 people visited the nonprofit booths, (list favorite activities), climbed the rock wall and created a keepsake at the photo booth.

To date, Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill and 43 Co-Challengers have contributed a record-breaking \$2,165,000 to match the community's donations. Prior to this year, the highest match was \$2,130,000 in 2008. “Each year, our community amazes us by digging deeper and contributing more in designated funds to their favorite nonprofits. This year, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill and the Co-Challengers, their dollars will go even further,” said Conover. “So we hope everyone rises to the challenge.”

While donations are still pouring in, nearly \$4.5 million has been raised so far through the event for local organizations. Donations are accepted at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole office and online at [www.oldbills.org](http://www.oldbills.org) until 5pm on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The final dollar amount raised and match percentage will be announced October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Old Bill's Awards Party at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

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> Barb Lindquist 40:57
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alyssa Larsen 42:04
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Sullivan 42:34

#### Men's 10K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Chorney 33:40
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Liebner 34:04
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patryk Gierjatowicz 35: 37

Women's 5K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Marie Letko 20:15
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Cloetta 21:12
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Katherine Gura 22:00

Men's 5K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Scofield 16:54
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Erich Wilbrecht 18:32
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Riis Wilbrecht 18:48

Youth Female 5K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Gibson 22:13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brazee Smith 22:25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Erin Nye 22:48

Youth Male 5K:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Neal 20:03
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cormac Mullin 20:29
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kameron Moronesco 20:54

\*\*Complete Race Results Attached

***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 \$7.5 million in matching funds over fourteen years to encourage local philanthropy. Through the event, produced annually by the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, the community has raised more than \$75 million to benefit local charities. Last year, Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities 2010 raised \$7.3 million for 200 local nonprofits with 3,400 people running, walking or wheeling in the event.

***About The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole***

For over 20 years, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has worked with donors and nonprofits to enrich all aspects of our community, granting over \$100 million. The Foundation enables donors to establish personal philanthropic funds including donor advised, endowment, field of interest and legacy funds to facilitate their giving..

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