



## Place of Hope annual event includes timed 5K and walk

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Place of Hope is adding a timed 5K to its annual Hope Walk, with the fifth annual Hope Walk & 5K to take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Carlin Park at 400 Florida A1A in Jupiter.

With the addition of the 5K, Place of Hope hopes to welcome running and exercise enthusiasts who train at shorter distance events for upcoming 10Ks, half-marathons and marathons.

The event raises funds that will allow Place of Hope to continue providing children with items such as food, clothing, summer camps, educational supplies, sports, special children's activities, family outings and family vacations.

There will be a pre-walk warm-up, a two-mile journey through the life of a child in foster care, followed by family-fun activities, such as a dodge ball tournament; cardio class; car show by Rick's Rods; specialty units on display by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; and pancakes from IHOP.

Registration ends at 9 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 1. Register online at [placeofhope.com](http://placeofhope.com). For additional information, call 775-7195.

Based in Palm Beach Gardens, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed, child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; and hope and healing opportunities for children and families traumatized by abuse and neglect.

Place of Hope is strategically and specifically equipped to take in sibling groups, which is critical because half of the foster child population nationwide is comprised mostly of sibling groups. Unfortunately, they are often separated when taken into foster care. Currently, 52 percent of the children residing at Place of Hope have been reunited with their sibling(s). To learn more about Place of Hope, visit [placeofhope.com](http://placeofhope.com). ■