Covenant House Florida Sleep Out Supporting Youth Experiencing Homelessness

WHO/WHAT:

Since 1985, Covenant House Florida has helped transform and save the lives of runaway, at-risk, LGBTQ, and trafficked young people in the state of Florida who are experiencing homelessness. We offer housing and support services to young people in need and in more than 3 decades have reached 40,000 boys and girls ages 11-21.

Covenant House Florida in Fort Lauderdale will host approximately 150 city officials, executives, attorneys, young professionals, realtors and more for the Sleep Out: South Florida to stand in solidarity with trafficked and at-risk youth, including LGBTQ+ youth, experiencing homelessness as participants take our youths’ place on the street for the night. The Sleep Out coincides with National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

Each volunteer “sleeper” will meet and share a meal with Covenant House Florida residents at Covenant House Florida, participate in a moving discussion with the youth, and sleep outside wrapped in a sleeping bag on a cardboard box on the grounds of Covenant House Florida by Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Prior to the event, each participant raises funds in support of their sleep out effort by reaching out to family, friends and colleagues who make donations through individualized online portals.

The Sleep Out is a nationwide initiative that takes place primarily on the same night across the United States and Canada at 31 Covenant House shelters with Delta Air Lines as a key sponsor for this national event. It is designed to increase awareness for the issue of youth experiencing homelessness while raising funds for the organization, which provides shelter and services to these youth and young adults under the age of 21, including young moms and their babies.

This year, Covenant House Florida hopes to raise $350,000. Last year, more than 100 volunteers brought in just over $200,000. Across North America, 1,000+ participants raised more than $7 million last year.

Sponsors include: Delta Air Lines, Food Management Associates, Inc., Heidi Schaeffer, M.D., Merrimac Ventures, Red Door Construction, and Tricera Capital

WHERE:
Covenant House Florida
733 Breakers Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

WHEN:
6:30 p.m.-6:00 a.m., November 21-22

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFO:
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