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## **Bayou Hills Run Partnership with Special Olympics A Big Success**

Nearly than 1,200 people attended the Bayou Hills Run 10K, 5K, and Kids Run hosted by Creative Learning Academy and more than forty local sponsors on Saturday, March 5th, in Pensacola's Bayview Park. CLA started the Bayou Hills Run in 1978.

This year, CLA partnered with the Special Olympics Florida athletes from Santa Rosa County and Escambia County and the MATSG-23 Marines from NAS Pensacola. The mission behind the event was to build teamwork and community, while celebrating a healthy lifestyle and fitness. Michael Stone, Director of Special Olympics Florida said that the event helped build confidence in the athletes he mentors and leads. "It was a great opportunity for the Special Olympics Florida athletes to challenge themselves and to be proud of what they accomplished with the students of Creative Learning Academy."

Participants rallied together for more than just a run. The Bayou Hills Run resulted in an overall celebration of unity and teamwork for all participants. "This event is for the community of Pensacola to come together for a day of family-friendly fun. A good time was had by all! I loved seeing the look on the participants' faces as they crossed the finish line," said CLA's Head of School, Dana DeYoung.

The picture you see is of the U.S. Marines, along with a Creative Learning Academy father and daughter, Robert Beasley and Audrey Beasley, escorting 13 year old Riley Stevens of Special Olympics Florida. Riley made it the entire 1-mile course with his new found friends! This part of the event brought tears to everyone's eyes. **Please share!**



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