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### **ORCHID ISLAND GOLF & BEACH CLUB HOLDS 5K WALK/RUN TO BENEFIT CROSSOVER MISSION**

With a history of giving to local charities, Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club held their 15th Annual 5K Walk/Run on April 12. Each year the proceeds from the event benefit a local charity, which is determined earlier in the year by the Club's Tennis & Fitness Committee. The charity selected this year was Crossover Mission. Due to the generosity of over 40 sponsorships from Orchid Island Club Members, and close to 85 participants, \$7,000 was raised to help with Crossover Mission's efforts to support at-risk youth using sports as a tool to motivate and monitor scholastic and athletic achievement. *"This Year we are delighted to partner with Crossover Mission, a local not-for-profit organization. Antoine Jennings and Catherine De Schouwer founded Crossover Mission only three years ago, but have already produced great results as evidenced by a dramatic increase in the number of kids in their program that are now academically eligible for school sports. This has been a great success story to date, and we are hopeful that our contribution will enable Antoine and Catherine to continue expanding their program,"* shared Bruce Morrison, Orchid Island Board of Governors Tennis & Fitness Committee Chair.

*"The most important factor in the success of a young person after parental influence is his motivation to work for something. Finding the key to motivation is tricky but essential, especially with at-risk children and teens. Our Crossover kids are highly attracted and motivated by basketball, athletics, and the popular culture surrounding these. Once they come for the Crossover sports training, they are plugged into a web of programming and one-on-one educational support. In time, it's the relationships with strong relevant adult role models that keep them connected and rising up to their potential. We are grateful for the support of the community in this endeavor. We thank Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club for selecting Crossover Mission as the recipient for the 5K Walk/Run,"* expressed Cathy De Schouwer, (Co-founder and Executive Director) of Crossover Mission.

Orchid Island's annual 5K is open to Members, family and friends of the Club and also includes a one-mile fun run for children ages 13 and under. Following the race, an awards ceremony took place honoring the top male and female finishers of each age group. This year's top male and overall winner of the race was Kevin Shankey (OI Guest) with a time of 21.14 and the top female finisher was Stephanie Hahn (OI Member) with a time of 23.29.

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Orchid Island is a private and intimate residential golf course community, offering gracious waterfront and golf course homes, an award-winning Arnold Palmer golf course, a state-of-the art Tennis & Fitness Center and an intimate Beach Club perfectly suited for leisurely gatherings, club activities and exceptional dining. For two consecutive years Orchid Island has gained certification as being one of "Americas Healthiest Clubs" from Prevo Health Solutions, as well as being awarded the designation of being a "Distinguished Emerald Club of the World. For more information, visit [www.orchidislandgolfandbeachclub.com](http://www.orchidislandgolfandbeachclub.com)

Crossover Mission, Inc., is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to support and redirect at-risk youth through after school programs run by dedicated coaches and mentors, using sports as a tool to attract, motivate and monitor achievement, and to provide local and world exposure to young minds. To learn more about Crossover Mission, visit [www.crossovermission.com](http://www.crossovermission.com)