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## Keiser University Jacksonville Campus Raises \$3,649 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation "Making Strides" Walk

Jacksonville, FL-June 27--Keiser University is proud to announce its Jacksonville Campus has raised a total of \$3649.87 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Between Apr. 5 and May 17, the Jacksonville campus acquired funds through a variety of means for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the world's leading institution in the search for a CF cure. By organizing an ice cream social, basic yoga classes, change wars between students in different majors, and a significant walk-a-thon, the Jacksonville students of Keiser University were able to donate \$3,649.87 to the capstone event, the Making Strides Walk, held on 5/17.

Today, the Jacksonville Campus officially presented the check with all of their earnings to Jim McCarthy and Claudia Werner, both Executive Directors of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Also present to receive the check was the Naff Family, a family directly associated with the CFF.

"It is inspiring and moving to see how our students, although focused on their education and their careers, make further commitments to improve the lives of others," said Lisamarie Winslow, Jacksonville Campus President. "Keiser University cultivates a desire in the students to appreciate all that they earn and give back to their community. The opportunity to support the Cystic Fibrosis foundation has been an extremely meaningful and educational experience for the entire Jacksonville campus, and although they may never meet them, our students will bring hope and encouragement to others through the gift of giving."



Jacksonville Campus President Lisamarie Winslow (center) presents the check to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Executive Directors Jim McCarthy and Claudia Warner (left) and the Naff family (right).



<u>About:</u> Keiser University (KU) serves nearly 18,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 15 campuses, employing nearly 3,500 staff and faculty. The university has been regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1991 and is a Level VI institution.

Sixty-two percent of KU students graduate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and healthcare fields, providing the talented workforce necessary for Florida to compete globally. The University ranks 1st in Florida and 2rd in the nation in production of Associate of Science graduates in healthcare professions and 2nd in Florida and 3rd in the nation in production of Associate of Science in nursing graduates\*.

Keiser University's educational reach extends globally through its international programs, including the Latin Division, a cooperative agreement in the Eastern European nation of Moldova, and a campus in Shanghai, China.

\*Source: Community College Week evaluation of US. Dept. of Ed--Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System IPEDS 2010 Rank