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Community members can form "duck teams" to sell or "adopt" rubber ducks for \$5 each by visiting www.duckfestderby.org. Supporters do not have to be present to win, and all proceeds benefit Kids in Distress.

"The 'Duck Fest Derby' has become one of the most anticipated South Florida events because it's an

opportunity for attendees to have fun while helping support their community," said Mark Dhooge, president and CEO of KID. "Every dollar raised at this event will help KID imagine a brighter future for thousands of children and families."

In addition to the race, the KID Duck Fest Derby Fun Zone offers a full day of activities including the KID Olympics, face painting, a bounce house and carnival games. Tastebuds Catering will serve visitors in the VID (Very Important Duck) area.

Kids in Distress of Broward and Palm Beach Counties is a licensed, nationally accredited agency working for prevention of child abuse, preservation of the family, and treatment of abused and neglected children. KID services helped more than 11,000 children and families last year through programs that focus on prevention, intervention, foster care, education and family counseling.

'Duck Fest Derby' sponsors include JM Family Enterprises Inc., SunTrust, Wiring.com, AT&T, Mike Sipe Entertainment, Macy's, ADT Always Cares, Cargill Americas, BankUnited, City of Wilton Manors, Sonitrol of Fort Lauderdale, The K Company, Strategic Logistics & Relocation Solutions and Janney Montgomery Scott.

For more information on duck sales and the event, visit www.duckfestderby.org or call 954-390-7654, ext. 1295.

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