

First Annual Sheriff's Summer Sprint

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On Saturday morning the Hall County Sheriff's Office hosted its first annual 'Sheriff's Summer Sprint 5K' fundraiser to benefit the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes. 115 runners and walkers braved the hilly Allen Creek Road course, which always proves to be a challenging run regardless of skill level. Sheriff Gerald Couch was in attendance to greet the participants at the start and welcome them back at the finish. Sheriff Sid Roberts of the Georgia Sheriff's Association was also on hand to say thanks to the crowd for their support of the Youth Homes project. Many sponsors made the event possible: Breakfield and Associates, McDonald's (Gainesville), Springer Mountain Farms, Turner-Smith-Wood Insurance, Comprehensive Nursing Kwik Bond, Inc. Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), A and S Commissary Services, Kohl's in Flowery Branch, Harrison Tire of Gainesville, Fitness Forum, Spa on Green Street, Lakeshore Mall, Planet Smoothie in Flowery Branch, Busker Communications, Inc., Jazzercise of Gainesville and Avon (Cheri Thome). Race results can be found at: <http://www.classicraceservices.com/> Full information on the GA Sheriff's Youth Homes can be found here:

<http://www.georgiasheriffsyouth.org/Display.asp?Page=youthhome> The mission of Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes is:

- To provide quality child care for Georgia's children who, through no fault of their own, may be products of abuse, neglect, and dysfunctional families.
- To provide opportunities for boys and girls in care to resolve their personal conflicts, find their identities, and learn proper values as they work toward a lawful, productive and secure future. This mission will be accomplished through continued development of child care centers located strategically throughout the state. These programs provide counseling, residential care, camping, independent living and alumni services.