



community outreach

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APRYLE SHOWERS CALLING ALL NOCATEE TO RUN, VOLUNTEER OR CHEER

On Saturday, April 7, the second annual **Apryle Showers Run – Florida’s Fastest 10K** returns to the streets of Nocatee! Just over one year ago, on a beautiful crisp spring morning, approximately 400 participants, 100 volunteers, 20 local business and lots of spectators helped make the inaugural event a success! With a great cause, a **great course** and a **great community** the Apryle Showers Foundation and Apryle Showers Race Committee (ASRC) are excited about the future of this wonderful community event.

This year, the ASRC is planning for 1,000 participants (year two) with a goal of achieving 10,000 participants by 2021. They’ve also added a Kids Fun Run, re-configured the vendor area to include more local businesses and are planning on 200 volunteers to ensure everything runs smoothly.

A GREAT CAUSE:

The Apryle Showers Foundation, Inc. is a local 501c3 non-profit organization serving individuals, ages 30-55, currently undergoing treatment for cancer in northeast Florida. Apryle Showers offers services that help foster **Hope, Healing, Restoration and Peace** to people fighting for their lives.

Apryle Showers was founded by Nocatee resident Apryle Schmidt and her husband, Bill just before Apryle lost her battle to breast cancer at the age of 37. Apryle was known as a very loving, friendly and selfless person who always carried a smile. As a mother of two small girls, Apryle found it difficult to grieve and mask her suffering in an attempt to protect her girls. Thanks to many friends (several who live in Nocatee) the Schmidt Family was given a gift of restoration that ultimately led to the inception of Apryle Showers. To learn more about Apryle’s story and the Apryle Showers Foundation, please go to www.apryleshowers.org. **(All proceeds of the Apryle Showers Run – Florida’s Fastest 10K go to the Apryle Showers Foundation, Inc.)**

A GREAT COURSE:

While Nocatee is known for its growing community, coastal living, and greenway trails, it also has a perfect, beautiful, and mostly flat 6.2-mile loop that many people run, walk and cycle. In thinking about various fundraising activities for the Apryle Showers Foundation, and taking into consideration that Apryle was an avid runner, many of Bill’s friends kicked around the idea of running “The Loop.” With many local community 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk events, they wanted to create more than just a community run – they wanted to create an annual community event.



If anyone has participated in the Donna 26.2 or Gate River Run, they know how the community comes together to support the cause and the participants, in a big way.

The ASRC is hoping the Apryle Showers Run – Florida’s Fastest 10K will earn its way to becoming one of the area’s Big 3 running events, each spring. They are determined to make the participant experience second to none and if last year’s race is a reflection of their goal, they are off to a great start! Runners like great courses and great swag (T-shirts and Finisher Medals) and the Apryle Showers Run – Florida’s Fastest 10K offers both.

A GREAT COMMUNITY:

There are so many reasons why Nocatee continues to be one of the top 3 fastest selling communities in the United States, but it’s the **people** that make it a great community! There have been countless examples of Nocatee residents helping neighbors in need and Apryle Showers is just one of these examples. Over the past two years, Apryle Showers has been honored to help those with their fight against cancer including several residents here in Nocatee. Apryle Showers support in our community is the result of Apryle’s vision and countless Nocatee residents who continue to carry out her mission.

The Apryle Showers Foundation and ASRC is hoping that all Nocatee residents will show their support by participating in the second Annual Apryle Showers Run – Florida’s Fastest 10K on Saturday, April 7. Come out and **Run** (or walk) the 6.2-mile loop or Kids Fun Run (ages 12 and under), **Volunteer** at one of the many volunteer stations or **Cheer** on the participants along “The Loop.” As this event grows each year, it would be great to line the loop with Nocatee residents and friends cheering on the participants and supporting a wonderful cause in memory of a wonderful woman, Apryle.

To register and/or to learn more about the Apryle Showers Run, please go to www.fastest10k.com

Date: April 7

Start/Finish Location: Splash Water Park

Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Many thanks to the Apryle Showers Race Committee (Steve Bodine, Dan Costello, Brian Dean, Ryan Dexter, Jonathan Fleetwood, Ryan Harrison, Albie MacDonald, Todd Ostebur, Bill Schmidt, and Greg Weitz) and the Apryle Showers Foundation Board of Directors (Charlyn Barrett, Dan Costello, Mike Ivan, Albie MacDonald, Stephanie Rogers, Cathy Roth, and Bill Schmidt).

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