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Bird Bowl tournament knocks 'em over for a cause

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Rock and Bowl was the theme at the Family Resource Center of South Florida event held recently at Bird Bowl. More than \$30,000 was raised at the 14th Annual Lawyers Strike Against Child Abuse Bowling Tournament.

"This was one of our best bowling tournaments yet," said **Robert Fernandez**, the Family Resource Center's board chairman. "Not only did we sell out every lane, but we had more silent auction and raffle items than in years prior. Our Family Resource Center staff and volunteers truly outdid themselves this year, and we are extremely grateful to the law firms and other businesses that came out to raise funds and awareness about child abuse and neglect."

Lawyers and other professionals came dressed in their company team shirts. More than 250 bowlers participated in the fun competition for a cause.

The team from the Adorno & Yoss law firm came in first place, while City National Bank and Sabadell United Bank took home second and third place. Artist and Family Resource Center board member **Ed King** painted the bowling pin trophies. Players enjoyed lunch and music provided by Bird Bowl during the event.

"Everyone who attended the tournament this year had such a great time," said Family Resource Center Executive Director **Oren Wunderman**. "This is Family Resource Center's flagship event of the year, and we couldn't do it without all who participated, including our sponsors and board of directors who worked tirelessly with our staff and volunteers to support the event."

All proceeds go toward providing gap funding for the operational costs of the Family Resource Center programs, which serve more than 4,000 children, adolescents and adults each year. Family Resource Center was founded in 1978 with the mission to help prevent and treat child abuse and neglect through the strengthening of families.

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