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### Local Charity To Benefit From ING New York City Marathon Run

Holmdel, NJ ... Holmdel-based charity Sylvia's Children is excited to announce that Jeff Tuccillo of Katonah, NY will be running the ING New York City Marathon on November 6<sup>th</sup> to benefit Sylvia's Children. An avid runner, Tuccillo ran the marathon last year for the first time and was thrilled not only with his finish time of 3:26, but also with raising just over \$10,000 for Sylvia's Children. To qualify for the 2011 marathon, Tuccillo participated in nine qualifying races plus the Westchester ToughMan Half Ironman. Between training and the races, he has run more than 1,000 miles so far this year.

Tuccillo is hoping to exceed the amount he raised last year and is asking the public for donations to reach his fundraising goal. Donations are being accepted at the hair salon that he owns in Ardsley, New York or you can visit [www.sylviaschildren.org](http://www.sylviaschildren.org), click on the DONATE NOW button and indicate how much you would like to donate to help Tuccillo reach his goal of \$10,000+.

When asked why he is running the marathon again, Tuccillo replied "I was able to make a difference for Sylvia's Children last year, and I am looking forward to doing it again." Last year, he raised just over \$10,000 for the charity, which was used to purchase 40 treadle sewing machines and a building to house them.

The charity supports the Mbirizi Advanced Primary and Day Care Center in Uganda, Africa. The school educates 1,000 children, a quarter of whom are orphans. Sylvia's Children has been developing a working model at the school that is allowing the children to become educated and break the poverty cycle.

"The Tuccillo family is amazing," says Sylvia Allen, founder of Sylvia's Children. "Their kindness, generosity and love of these children are amazing. Vicky,

Jeff's wife, has traveled with us three times to the school and is looking forward to returning again. Jeff had donated funds a few years ago in his wife's name to build a library for the children. Their kindness and dedication to improving the lives of these children is just wonderful."

Since its launch in 2003, Sylvia's Children has succeeded in ensuring an annual sponsorship for 93 of the 235 orphaned children and has raised \$300,000, all of which has gone directly to the school. It has built a well; purchased seven acres of land; donated an Internet-equipped computer; constructed a dormitory with triple-decker bunk beds; built a playground; provided sporting and musical equipment; and built three additional double classroom blocks as well as providing a full-time nurse and new stoves for increased cooking efficiency. The goal is to help the Mbiriizi school become self sufficient and then repeat the process at other sub-Saharan schools. For more information, visit [www.sylviaschildren.org](http://www.sylviaschildren.org) or call 732-946-2711.

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