

# The Square Network

2008 JA Bowl-a-thon

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In February CNL Associates once again laced up their bowling shoes for the annual Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon.

Tracy Turner from Group Services welcomed everyone to the alley and opened the festivities.

“Thank you CNL, everyone, for coming out today. We appreciate you taking your time out on a Saturday. We appreciate the time you spent for fundraising efforts for a wonderful cause for Junior Achievement. Gentleman, start your engines...I mean let’s bowl!”

More than 90 associates, friends and family turned out to show their support for CNL and Junior Achievement. Fundraising brought out the competitive spirit of several associates, but it was all for a good cause. “Well I can tell you, Private Equity tried to come over here and rattle us a little but we are unscathed. They’re going down. We’ve got a \$1 bet here and we’re going to take it all the way,” said Jacob Moussa from Capital Markets.

“Look at this team. We’ve got a couple of pro’s down there so the other teams have no chance,” replied Andy Hyltin from Private Equity.

Of course some associates were more of the “can’t we all just get along” types. “At Group Services we’re not competitive like that. We just love each other so we’re here to have a good time,” said Keri Zagarella.

At the end of the day Associates had more to be proud of than just their bowling scores. Tim Seneff recapped the only numbers from the event that really mattered, the dollar amount raised for Junior Achievement.

“We’re thrilled to be able to partner with Junior Achievement within our community efforts. I did want to announce that we actually beat our record of last year. Last year we raised \$20,302 and this year we raised \$20,359, so congratulations! Thank you for your participation. Thank you for your compassion for others, and we hope you have a great rest of the afternoon.”

Gary Blanchette, President of Junior Achievement Central Florida, shared his thoughts about the day with the group. “I’ve been to a lot of Bowl-a-thons throughout my career and I have to tell you, walking into the bowling center today just gave me goose bumps. I came in from the left side and I could feel the mojo in the building because the competition, and the camaraderie going on in here is just incredible from CNL. The competition from all the T-shirts, the money that you’ve raised and what you’re doing for all the kids in Central Florida, you’ll help reach more than 95,000 kids with understanding what business is all about and getting ready to work for you. I understand that 25% of your company’s employees are here today. Give yourselves a round of applause for that.”

With funds tallied CNL associates could look proudly on their efforts, if not their bowling skills, and turn in their shoes for yet another year.