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## **Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory first to sign up for Catholic Charities' Scott's Run on October 4th at Chastain Park**

*Annual 5k fundraiser "Scott's Run" to Aid Children Programs  
At Catholic Charities Atlanta*

ATLANTA, GA... Catholic Charities' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scott's Run, the 5k run and 1 mile walk, at its new venue at Chastain Park, begins at 8:00am on Saturday, October 4, 2008, rain or shine. (Registration starts at 7:00am) Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory joins the race as "Phantom Runner." The "Phantom Runner" race category supports the fundraising part of the race, and allows the participant to be present in spirit if not in "body".

For the seventh consecutive year, Catholic Charities Atlanta will host this fundraising event known around the Atlanta community as "Scott's Run". The idea for this event goes back to the tragic automobile accident of Scott Starratt in 2001, a Marietta native, and officer of the INS (now the Department of Homeland Security). He stood out among his peers for his kindness and compassion in his dealings with foreign children in U.S. detention.

Each year more than 10,000 foreign children without proper documentation are found in the United States. Many are victims of abuse, abandonment, trafficking, prostitution and modern day slavery. Subsequently many end up in United States custody and are placed in deportation proceedings around the country.

The Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project (ICAP) of Catholic Charities Atlanta represents children who are found or sent to the Atlanta District Immigration Court service area (NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, LA). In the past year, thanks to the funding achieved in part through Scott's Run, the Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project has helped more than 800 vulnerable children. Catholic Charities also provides after school tutoring and summer camp programs for immigrant and refugee youths and children. Mental health counseling is available to traumatized children, who struggle with abuse and difficult family situations. The proceeds from the event will benefit all of Catholic Charities' Children Programs.

Scott's Run is possible through the generous support of its sponsors: Sutherland Attorneys at Law; Kuck Casablanca & Odom Attorneys at Law; Socheat Chea, PC; Kapoor & Associates; Rojas Realty Group; the Garrett Group; Coca Cola; Diaz Foods; Digivox; El Patron 105.3FM; Viva 105.7FM; Britto Supermarkets; Antonini Law Firm; InterPrint Communications; Frazier, Soloway & Poorak Attorneys at Law; TV Azteca and Cohen & Associates.

**Information, registration, fees and other details for Scott's Run can be found online at [www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org). Or call (404) 885-7474.**

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**PICTURE WITH ARCHBISHOP WILTON D. GREGORY, SIGNING UP FOR THE RACE**



Picture (L. to R.) standing behind **Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory** is **Maria Odom**, Scott's Run 2008 race committee chair of Kuck Casablanca Odom Attorneys at Law, **Joe Krygiel**, CEO of Catholic Charities, **Sue Colussy**, Director Immigration Legal Services at Catholic Charities with **Rebeca Salmon**, of Catholic Charities' Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project. Archbishop Gregory supports the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 2008 Scott's Run as first to sign-up for the race.

**About Catholic Charities Atlanta**

Catholic Charities is the social service agency of the Archdiocese of Atlanta serving those most vulnerable and in need, regardless of their background or religion. Catholic Charities is among the state's well-known, professional providers of services to families in crisis, support for pregnant women, open infant adoption, and assistance and education to immigrants and resettlement services for refugees. 559 refugee families were assisted; over 1500 families were served through satellite offices; 879 families received help through our Emergency Assistance Program; 762 new Immigration cases were opened; 136 at-risk birthmothers received baby supplies; 669 families participated in the Christmas Connection program; more than 1100 individuals, couples or families received mental health counseling. To learn more about Catholic Charities and its services, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org). or call 404.881.6571.

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