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WALKERS SOUGHT FOR 6TH ANNUAL MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO® WALK FOR WISHES®

(CINCINNATI, OH) --- The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana, Southern Ohio Region is seeking individuals to participate in its Annual Medical Mutual of Ohio® *Walk for Wishes*® on **Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Fountain Square, 520 Vine St. (Corner of Vine and Fifth)**. This year, the Foundation hopes to exceed \$100,000 in donations at the Walk. Individuals can visit the website at www.makeawishohio.org to register for the walk through the historic Fountain Square area to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana, Southern Ohio Region.

Check out the sights of Cincinnati as you enjoy a leisurely stroll with family, friends and co-workers while helping to make wishes come true for deserving children. Walkers may participate as an individual or pair up with co-workers, friends or family to form a team.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at one of Cincinnati's most picturesque venues at Fountain Square. The entire route is handicapped accessible. At the conclusion of the Walk, stay for our celebration of wishes. The family-friendly event will feature games, food and entertainment for all ages! You will also have the opportunity to meet current and past wish children and their families. The celebration of wishes is open to all Walk participants, so join us as we come together to *share the power of a wish*®.

Honorary Wish Child, Leston, will also be on hand for the event to share his wish story. Eight-year-old Leston, who is battling chronic kidney failure, loves watching the Cincinnati Reds, playing video games and reading books about dinosaurs. When he's not battling the fatigue that plagues him, Leston enjoys playing outside and going out for ice cream.

When Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteers met the spunky and courageous boy, they asked him, "If you could have one wish, what would you wish for?" Leston told wish volunteers that his heartfelt wish was to experience the magic of Walt Disney World. Last September, Leston's wish came true.

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“We were so excited when Leston was selected as the honorary wish child for the *Walk for Wishes!* We had an amazing time at Disney World and feel so grateful to you for supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation,” said Rena, Leston’s Mom “Our whole experience has been wonderful and we can’t wait to be part of the walk on May 16!”

Walk for Wishes gives Make-A-Wish supporters, volunteers, wish families, and individuals the opportunity to fundraise and unite for a time of celebration.

Participating in the 6th Annual Medical Mutual of Ohio® *Walk for Wishes*® will help grant wishes of special children just like Leston! With your support, we will grant the wishes of more than 140 children on our waiting list for wishes in the Tri-state area. Financial support generated from the *Walk for Wishes* will provide the funding needed to make their wishes come true and to ignite the spirit of hope. Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a *Walk for Wishes* T-shirt. For more information about this event, contact Jennifer Hamon, Sr. Development Officer, at (513) 745-9474 or JenniferHa@MakeAWishOhio.org.

About the Make-A-Wish Foundation®

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana is ***celebrating 25 years of inspiring lives, one wish at a time.*** Since the first wish was granted in 1984, this chapter has granted more than 7,300 magical wishes. This milestone year, the chapter will work to fulfill the wishes of a record-breaking 800 local children. There are so many ways that you can help create joyful moments for local wish children. Find out how at www.makeawishohio.org.

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