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Largest Thanksgiving Day run in Kansas City set for November 27

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 27, 2014) – The 25th Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K & Family Stroll will be held at the Sprint Campus on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. This race is the largest and oldest Thanksgiving race in the Kansas City metro area. To celebrate the 25th anniversary, a commemorative sublimated scarf is available for purchase for \$15 when participants register and will be distributed at packet pickup.

"To celebrate the 25th anniversary, we wanted to do something special," said Sarah Dee, Events Director. "A commemorative scarf seemed like the perfect item for this event."

This year will include a food and toy drive for the Catholic Charities. Donations will be accepted during packet pickup at Dick's Sporting Goods Tuesday, November 25 and Wednesday, November 26 and also onsite Thanksgiving morning. Catholic Charities works to reduce and prevent poverty in our neighborhoods and our community through meaningful programs focused on helping individuals and families find a path out of poverty - permanently.

"As a 100% privately funded nonprofit, we know how important it is to give back to the community," said Dee. "Catholic Charities does so much for the citizens of Kansas City with their valuable programs that include workforce readiness, job placement and financial literacy. Thanksgiving is a great time to give thanks for what we have and give thanks that we can help others in times of need."

From November 3-8, anyone registering online will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificate. Each day one winner will be drawn. A \$2.50 discount is available on Turkey Tuesday, October 28, by using a special promotion code shared on the Kansas City Sports Commission social media accounts.

This family-friendly event starts and ends on the Sprint Campus and winds around nearby side streets. This is a great way to work up an appetite for those traditional Thanksgiving dinners.

Online registration is open at sportkc.org. Registration includes individuals, a combo of 2-4 people or teams of 5 or more people. Kids 12 and under can register for the Tom Murphy Fun Run for Kids. The Kids Fun Run is in memory of Tom Murphy who worked at Sprint and was a Kansas City Sports Commission board member.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the race and for packet pickup at the Town Center Dick's Sporting Goods Store. Online registration to volunteer is open. For more information about volunteering or participating go to sportkc.org.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefits the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. And, promote the lifetime benefits of sports for youth through educational initiatives, tournaments and clinics.

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