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Largest local Thanksgiving Day run celebrates 25 years

KANSAS CITY, MO (September 2, 2014) – The Kansas City Sports Commission is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Thanksgiving Day 5K & Family Stroll held at the Sprint Campus on Thanksgiving Day. 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.

“We wanted to do something special this year to celebrate the history of the race,” said Sarah Dee, Events Director. “A scarf seemed like the perfect fit for this November event.”

This family-friendly event starts and ends on the Sprint Campus and winds around nearby side streets. Over the years, this event has become a tradition for families to get their exercise before sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner. The largest family who has participated for the past 6 years is Team4Thor with 125 members at one of the races. Thor Rodenbaugh passed away in 2008 after medication was administered incorrectly during a rotator cuff surgery. The family found a note in his personal correspondence that he was planning on registering for the Thanksgiving Day Run that year.

“We walk each year for his honor and to remember to live each day like it is your last as he always did,” said Althena Wilson, Thor’s sister. “Live Strong, Love Deep and Have Fun, that is the motto those he touched try to live by.”

Online registration is open at sportkc.org. Anyone can register individually, as a combo of 2-4 people or as a team 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. Donations can be made to the Friends of Tom Murphy fundraiser page to help raise funds for the Thomas E. Murphy III Scholarship Fund, which awards tuition scholarships to help further the education of a youth at Rockhurst High School.

Volunteers are also needed for the day of the race and for packet pickup at the Town Center Dick’s Sporting Goods Store. [Click here to register to volunteer.](#) 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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