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## **Introducing *The Tom Murphy Fun Run for Kids* at the Thanksgiving Day 5K Run & Family Stroll Presented by Sprint**

This Thanksgiving (November 26th), the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation will celebrate the 20th Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Run & Family Stroll presented by Sprint at the Sprint Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. This fun family event has become tradition for many Kansas City area families, and it continues to grow. We expect this year to be its biggest yet, reaching 5,500 participants. Furthermore, perhaps the most fun-filled aspect of the event, the Fun Run for Kids, will undergo an exciting change this year.

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation is honored to announce that the Thanksgiving Day Fun Run for Kids is now the *Tom Murphy Fun Run for Kids*, in memorial of a beloved and tragically departed member of the Kansas City community.

Our organization has enjoyed great support and tremendous leadership over the years from Sprint associates. As an integral member of our Board/Executive Committee, Tom was also a dear friend of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation. He made significant contribution in helping define our organization's leading role in developing the plans for a new downtown arena beginning in 2001. Tom embraced our vision, and he encouraged us to push forward. He was also instrumental in our efforts to both retain the NABC, and develop the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame and College Basketball Experience.

Recognizing his many contributions to our organization and community, we have decided to name the Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K and Family Stroll Kid's Fun Run in Tom's name. The inaugural Tom Murphy Fun Run for Kids will begin at approximately 10:00am (located on Satchel Paige Park Field at the southeast corner of the Sprint Campus).

Furthermore, in conjunction with the Fun Run, we are working to help raise money for the tuition scholarship fund in Tom's name, which will be awarded each year to help further the education of a youth at Rockhurst High School. Our non-profit organization will contribute \$1000 from the event to the Thomas E. Murphy III Scholarship Fund that is being administered by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals that exemplify Tom's best qualities and assist them in their pursuit of higher education.

We are working with "Friends of Tom Murphy" and have created an easy to use individual and team fundraising initiative.

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation is a privately-funded non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and economic success of Kansas Citizens by promoting sports. For more information, visit [www.sportkc.org](http://www.sportkc.org).

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