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Nominate your loved one for 'Run to Remember'

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Anderson Township Park District is currently accepting new honoree nominations for the 8th Annual Run to Remember 5K Run/Walk. Honor the life of a significant loved one, and create a legacy in their memory through fundraising for the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation Playground Fund. The atmosphere of Run to Remember is one of celebration and involves a 5K run/walk, followed by an outdoor after-party with a free concert.

This event began with the family and friends of Nancy Horn as a tribute to her exceptional view on physical fitness after she lost her battle with brain cancer in 2003. She was both a devoted wife and mother, who inspired many people with her courage and positive attitude.

The first Run to Remember was such a success that the Horn family wanted to share this event, and invited others to nominate a loved one to be a Run to Remember honoree. Today, the event has expanded to celebrate the lives of almost two dozen individuals, including Rick Alfieri, Scott Barkley, Erin Borchers Bates, Lonnie Bettie, Tommy Bodenstein, Jordan Bonne, Kevin S. Brown, Tonya Brown, Marty Demmerle Carr, Bradley W. Gebhart, George Hayward, Nancy Horn, Darrin Huston, Rosanne Martin, Gerry Meisman, John Naish, Jr., Robin A. Nance, David & Millie Pavlik, Chris Rowswell, Bob Rumke, Jill Sutphin, Peter Tekulve, and Nina Volz.

Nancy was a devoted wife and mother, and her family and friends felt that donating the event proceeds to the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation Playground Fund was the perfect way to honor her memory. Today, the legacy of all current and future Run to Remember honorees lives on through this fund.

During its seven-year existence, Run to Remember has raised more than \$39,000. These funds helped to complete the Beech Acres Park all-children's playground, the new Laverty Park playground, and future proceeds will benefit other playgrounds throughout the Park District. There will always be a need to enhance the playgrounds in the Anderson Township Park District's parks, just as there will always be children in the Anderson Township community in need of fun and safe places to play!

Run to Remember 5K takes place Saturday, September 10, 2011, at Beech Acres Park. To submit a loved one for consideration, visit www.AndersonParks.com/runtoremember for nomination forms and event details. Nomination deadline is Friday, March 11, 2011.



Lisa Alfieri holds a sign in honor of her dad, Rick Alfieri, with her mom, Christy, at the 2010 Run to Remember Honoree Ceremony.

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