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Anderson Twp. run organizers looking for new honorees

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The Anderson Township Park District is accepting nominations for the Run to Remember.

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The annual event honors those who have recently lost their lives.

The event also raises money for the park district's playground fund.

T.J. Horn began Run to Remember after his wife, Nancy, died from cancer in 2003.

Before last year's event, Horn said they came up with a run because Nancy was into fitness and his sons suggested they open it to others who lost loved ones.

"Nancy really loved kids and what better way than to do it at a park while working on Beech Acres playground at the same time," he said previously.

During Run to Remember's five-year existence it has raised more than \$24,000 for the playground fund.

Past honorees include Rick Alfieri, Scott Barkley, Erin Borchers Bates, Jordan Bonne, Tonya Brown, Nancy Horn, Gerry Meisman, John Naish Jr., Chris Rowswell, Jill Sutphin, and Peter Tekulve.

Emily Armstrong, assistant director for the park district, said it's up to the families to decide if they want to continue as honorees and there is usually at least one new honoree each year.

"We're really looking for a commitment from (the families)," Armstrong said. "Everybody really engages in their own way."

Families and friends of Run to Remember honorees are asked to help sell sponsorships, volunteer with the event and help with marketing.

There is a minimum \$200 sponsorship commitment per honoree.

Run to Remember will be Sept. 12 at Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road.

Armstrong added that they're considering changing this year's run to a 5K, equivalent to 3.1 miles, instead of the usually 2.5 mile course around Beech Acres Park.

Additional Facts

2009 nomination guidelines

* To submit a loved one for consideration, download the nomination form at www.andersonparks.com or pick one up at the Juilfs Park office, 8249 Clough Pike.

* Deadline is Friday, Feb. 20.

* If selected, you must submit 15 to 20 photographs of the honoree and a brief 250-word biography for marketing purposes. Photos will be returned.

* Nomination benefits: Honoree's name on event T-shirt, their photo on fliers and posters, the honoree's biography in a sponsorship packet and their photos in a memorial slideshow played during the event.

* Call 388-5096 with questions.

* Return completed nomination forms to: Anderson Township Park District; Attn: Emily Armstrong - Run; 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244
