

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HOST "RUN YOUR 'STACHE OFF 5K" TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**

[Lancaster, Ohio, October 13, 2014] Throughout the month of November, men across the country grow out their facial hair to bring awareness to various issues and raise funds for a number of different groups. Since 2012, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has participated in a similar fundraiser. Each year, Deputies grow out their mustaches and are encouraged to continue growing and maintaining them by collecting donations that are, at the end of the month, given to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Each year, this fundraiser has yielded approximately \$1,500 in donations that go directly to supporting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's mission.

For the Sheriff's Office 2014 annual fundraiser, a new element has been added. At the conclusion of the month long event, the Sheriff's office will be hosting the first "Run Your 'Stache Off 5K" on Saturday, November 29, 2014, which will be open to participants from any similar month long fundraiser, as well as the public. The goals that are hoped to be achieved by having this two part fundraiser is to involve more people, create more awareness, and raise an amount in excess of the previous years that will be donated to this great cause. One-hundred-percent of all funds raised will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This year's "Run Your 'Stache Off 5K" event begins with registration at 8:00 a.m. with the race to follow at 9:15. Runners and walkers of all ages will start the race at the Canal Winchester High School located at 300 Washington Street Canal Winchester, Ohio. The 3.1 mile course will take participants through parts of historic Canal Winchester and will end back at Canal Winchester's high school. A celebration including food, music, and an awards presentation will take place after the 5K walk and run. Additional attractions will be on site including: the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and equipment as well as police cruisers from other agencies serving Fairfield County.

Current sponsors include: Gold Level: Ryan Homes and Rooster's of Lancaster; Silver Level: Shade of the Canal, N8 Chiropractic, Dagger, Johnston, Miller, Ogilvie & Hampson Law Firm, and Bob-Boyd Auto Family; and Bronze Sponsorship: Preferred Wireless and Brian D. Shonk, Esq. (Lancaster)

"Run Your 'Stache Off 5K" is looking to partner with other pillars in the community that are interested in sponsoring this event. All inquiries can be sent to runyourstacheoff5k@gmail.com.

To participate in the run/walk go to the Facebook page: "Run Your 'Stache Off 5K – FCSO" and download the registration form or e-mail runyourstacheoff5k@gmail.com.