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21s Annual Cherry Blossom Craft Festival and 5K Race for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Over 400 participants expected in the 5th Annual 5K Race for ALS



Schenectady, NY – The 21st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival and 5K Race for ALS will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Congregation Gates of Heaven, 852 Ashmore Ave. The outdoor event will feature a farmers market, craft and local business vendors, a 5K Run and 2K Wellness Walk to benefit St Peter’s ALS Regional Center’s Lewis Golub Clinic, Giffy’s BBQ, games, and Mr. Bouncy Bounce. No admission fee for the festival, Race/Walk entry fees range from \$15-\$25. The BBQ will run from 11am to 1pm, fee is \$10 per meal. For more information about the festival, contact the temple office at 518-374-8173 or visit their website at www.cgoh.org.

The 5th Annual 5K Race for ALS will start at 10:15 am and 2K Walk at 10:20 am in the CGOH parking lot. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to join the event and support the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

The first CGOH Race for ALS was in 2009 with just 125 runners. In 2012 a wellness walk was added and some 250 runners and walkers together took part in this great cause to support St. Peter’s ALS Regional Center which raised some \$2500 for the cause!

This year it they are expecting over 400 participants. Currently having over 350 registered and an additional 50+ typically register the day of the event, even on the rainiest days. For more information about the Race or to register, visit www.5kraceforals.com or call the temple office at 518-374-8173.

St. Peter’s ALS Regional Center has been providing people with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), sometimes referred to as Lou Gehrig’s disease, and their families with a comprehensive, specialized blend of services and resources since 1988. A complete range of specialists provide a multidisciplinary approach to patient visits at the convenient, handicapped-accessible Center in Albany.

The Center provides both medical and emotional support to help maintain quality of life throughout the course of this disease. The Center serves as a model of compassion and care for similar programs nationally. The Center was named in memory of Lewis Golub, a beloved patient of the Center.

One hundred percent of all the festival proceeds go back to local community groups, the temple, and various Jewish community organizations. Over the past years funding has been provided to not only CGOH programs and activities, but also to the Holocaust Resource Center, Jewish Chautauqua Society, Birthright, B’nai-Mitzvah Projects, SUNY Albany Hillel, Israeli Dance Scholarships, Boys/Girls Clubs of Schenectady, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Schenectady Day Nursery, William Keane School, Niskayuna Fire Department, and the Schenectady Community Police.

This year’s event sponsors are : Goldstein Auto Group, The Times Union Newspaper, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Chobani Greek Yogurt, CDPHP, Goat Cloud Communications, Malone and Tate Builders, Albany Total Wellness, Benchmark Printing, JCB Specialties, Our Daily Eats, Pepsi Beverages, and United Bat Control of New York.

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