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11th Annual Jim Hodge 10K/5K Run To Raise Money for Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab

The Jim Hodge Memorial Run will hold its 11th annual 10K/5K Run/Walk this August 5, 2023. The run, which has taken the place of the Menominee Waterfront Festival Race, has raised almost \$150,000 in the last 10 years for cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation efforts in Marinette/Menominee.

“We started the Run to carry on the legacy of my husband, Jim Hodge, who passed away from Pulmonary Fibrosis,” shares Greta Hodge, event organizer. “Jim was devoted to the community his entire life – he worked for the Menominee Public School system and served in leadership roles for many local organizations including President of the Bay Area Medical Center Board. As my family and I were grieving, we wanted to find a way to not only remember Jim but to help continue his legacy and impact on the community for years to come.”

Bay Area Medical Center hosted the run for Greta Hodge and the money raised went to the Cardio Rehab Center and its patients at the local hospital. After the hospital became part of the Advocate-Aurora System in 2019, the Provident Health Foundation stepped-in to continue as the coordinating organization for the run.

“We are founded to improve community health,” Provident Health Foundation Executive Director John Hofer said. “When we learned that the Run needed a new home and saw the impact it has on improving community health, we stepped-in to help Greta organize and host the Run. This year, we’re partnering with the Aurora Health Care Foundation who is handling the donations for the event while Provident continues to support Greta in handling the logistics for our 200+ runners.”

“This year, the Aurora Health Foundation is receiving the donations directly to ensure all donations remain fully tax-deductible for the donor. The funds raised will continue to help improve the Aurora Medical Center – Bay Area Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab Department’s services,” said Jenna Robinson, Development Coordinator at the Aurora Health Care Foundation. “This department serves those in recovery from heart attack, heart failure, and transplant, among others. It also serves those with chronic diseases like COPD and pulmonary fibrosis. Through education, diet, exercise, and psychological health programs (such a smoking cessation), the department promotes lifestyle improvement, disease maintenance, and management. We are all sincerely grateful for the ongoing support of Greta, Provident Health Foundation, and of all the many people and businesses who donate year after year to help us advance our important work of helping people in our community live well.”

The Hodge Run will feature a 10K Run/Walk, a 5K Run/Walk, and a ½ Mile Kids’ Run. It starts at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Menominee, runs to the Lighthouse, and back. Those interested in walking or running to raise awareness and money for Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Organ Donation can register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Menominee/JimHodgeMemorialRun>

“Jim’s time with us, his family, was extended thanks to a generous person who made the decision to become an organ donor,” Greta Hodge shared. “Now, we hope you’ll join us in continuing to honor the memory of Jim and make such a meaningful impact on our community.”

You can follow the race on Facebook @JimHodgeRun

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