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Special Olympics PA Adds Lucky 7-Mile Race to 32nd Annual Leprechaun Run Presented by TMNA Services

(Philadelphia, PA, February 23, 2017) – Special Olympics Pennsylvania’s Philadelphia program invites runners and walkers of all ages and abilities to take part in the 32nd annual Leprechaun Run presented by TMNA Services. The Leprechaun Run offers three different events, a new Lucky 7-Mile Race, Classic 5-Mile Race, and 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk, that will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Martin Luther King Drive (West River Drive) by the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The first race will begin at 7:30 am.

The course will start where Martin Luther King Drive meets West River Drive and the Schuylkill Trail Connector. It will then move out and back along the scenic west side of the Schuylkill River, from the Spring Garden Bridge through Fairmount Park. Registration opens at 6:45 am and the “Leprechaun Shop,” where green accessories can be purchased before the run, will be available for participants to get into the St. Patrick’s Day spirit.

“I am so excited to be adding a new race that aligns with our Leprechaun and St. Patrick’s Day theme,” said Race Director, Kristin Craven. “The Lucky 7-Mile Race will add a unique component to the event, and I’m thrilled that we can offer another option to our participants!”

Registration fees are as follows: \$35 for the Lucky 7-Mile and Classic 5-Mile Race, and \$25 for the 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Prices will increase the day of the race by \$5. Children under the age of 8 can participate for free without the need to register online, but will not receive an event t-shirt. Children must run or walk – strollers, wagons, and bikes are not permitted. Participants are eligible to receive a medal for the best race-time finish in the overall and age categories.

Proceeds from the Leprechaun Run will support Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, an organization that inspires hope and change for nearly 1,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities in the Philadelphia region. This year’s Run is expected to raise over \$35,000. TMNA Services, Sullivan Scrap Metals, Montgomery McCracken, INCLINE Running, and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation are major sponsors of this year’s event.

Pre-registration is ongoing at www.leprechaunrun.org until Friday, March 10, 2017. Interested parties will also be able to register in-person on Race Day. For more information, please contact Kristin Craven, Special Events and Marketing Manger at 610-630-9450 x252, or email at kcraven@specialolympicspa.org.

About Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round training and competition in 21 Olympic-type sports to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities. For more information about how SOPA inspires greatness, visit our Web site at www.specialolympicspa.org.

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