

STRONGER *together* WALK

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Hundreds of People Expected to Walk in Sunday's Inaugural Stronger Together 5K

Family 5K will raise funds for families with seriously ill children staying at Ronald McDonald Houses

PORTLAND, Ore. (April 21, 2016) – Parks in Vancouver, Salem and Eugene will be a sea of red and white striped socks on Sunday, April 24, as nearly 1,000 people are expected to participate in the inaugural Stronger Together Walk series to support families with seriously ill children. Presented by local Oregon and Southwest Washington McDonald's Owner Operators, these family-friendly 5K walks will bring together current and former Ronald McDonald House families and a large community of supporters who will walk together to keep families close.

"Every five hours, a family with a seriously ill child checks into one of Portland's two Ronald McDonald Houses, and Stronger Together is a chance to celebrate and support these amazing and resilient families," said Jessica Jarratt Miller, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington. "The funds raised from this walk will support our Ronald McDonald Houses and programs, which provide home-cooked meals, activities and a beautiful 'home away from home' so families can stay together as they navigate the stress and uncertainty of having a seriously ill child."

Media is invited to attend and will have exclusive access to interview Ronald McDonald House families.

When:

Sunday, April 24

Registration starts at 9 a.m., Walk starts at 10 a.m.

Where:

Marine Park, 4015 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, Washington

Riverfront Park, 101 Front Street NE in Salem, Oregon

Alton Baker Park, 100 Day Island Road in Eugene, Oregon

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What:

The Stronger Together Walk is a family-friendly, non-competitive 5K that includes food, music, entertainment and fun for the whole family. This event is made possible by our incredible sponsors, including: Local Oregon and Southwest Washington McDonald's Owner Operators (Presenting Sponsor); Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Vancouver (Hero Sponsor); Golden State Foods, OnPoint Credit Union, Salem Health and Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Salem (Community Champions); 1-800-Water Damage, InfoGroup Northwest, Mr. Electric of Clark County, KPD Insurance, Les Schwab, Parr Lumber, Parr Lumber and Periodontal Concepts, US Bank, (Community Stars); McKenzie River Broadcasting, Eugene Register Guard, NBC 16, Alpha Media, iHeart Media and Cumulus Media (Media Sponsors) and Photos by Orion (Photography Sponsor)

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Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington® provides a “home away from home” for families with seriously ill children, and supports initiatives to improve pediatric health. For more than three decades, our dedicated staff and volunteers have offered comfort and support, a well-stocked kitchen and a warm bed to more than 34,000 families. For more information, visit www.rmhcOregon.org.

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