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## **Race Honors Fallen Soldier, Benefits Children's Charity** ***Annual event draws over 600 runners/walkers***

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (June 21, 2011)** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “On Your Marc” benefit 5k run/walk, which draws over 600 participants each year, will be held Saturday, August 6, 2011. The event honors Marc J. Small, a U. S. Army Special Forces Green Beret medic killed while serving his country in Afghanistan in 2009. Marc’s mother and sister, Mary and Megan MacFarland, are co-founders of the race in cooperation with Lower Providence Township.

Proceeds from the run benefit “Small Steps in Speech” a 501(c)3 foundation started by Marc’s fiancé Amanda Charney to help children with speech disabilities.

The run will start at the Lower Providence Township Fire Department, 3199 Ridge Pike, Eagleville, PA 19403. On-site registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Pre-registration is available online at [lowerprovidence.org/events](http://lowerprovidence.org/events) and pre registered participants receive a commemorative T-shirt. There will be awards for age category winners, refreshments and entertainment at the finish. New this year is a prize for the team raising the most money.

Registration is \$20 if registered before July 22; \$25 after July 22 up until race day.

Sponsors last year included The Lenfest Group, Streamlight, SEI Investments, Globus Medical, O’Neill Properties, Lower Providence Police Association, and many others. Over \$30,000 was raised for Small Steps in Speech. For more information on the foundation, visit [www.smallstepsinspeech.org](http://www.smallstepsinspeech.org).

For additional race information, or to find out how you can donate refreshments or become a sponsor, please contact Megan MacFarland 610-416-9898, or [onyourmarc8@yahoo.com](mailto:onyourmarc8@yahoo.com)