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4th Annual “On Your Marc” 5K Race Honors Fallen Soldier; Benefits Children’s Charity

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (July 9, 2012) – The 4th annual “On Your Marc” benefit 5k run/walk, which draws well over 600 participants each year, will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012. 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 fiancée, 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. Early check-in will be held Friday, August 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse. Race day check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. The race will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the walk at 8:35 a.m. Post run event at Brother Paul’s, 3300 Ridge Pike, Eagleville, Pa for more fun, raffles and food.

Pre-registration is available online at lowerprovidence.org/events. **New this year is a Family Discount Rate (\$40 per person for four or more family members) and Doggie Registration (\$15 includes doggie bandana).**

Prizes will be awarded to the top two males and females in eight separate age categories and there will be a prize for the team raising the most money. In addition to finish line results, times will be posted online at www.pretzelcitysports.com.

Registration is \$30; t-shirt available while supplies last.

2012 sponsors include The Lenfest Group, Streamlight, SEI Investments, Service Mark, Play and Learn, O’Neill Properties, Lower Providence Police Association, Audubon Land Development, Shannondell at Valley Forge and many others. Over \$90,000 has been raised for Small Steps in Speech in the first three events.

For more information on the foundation, visit 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.