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SARAH'S STRIDE RUN/WALK, MAY 20, 2006 FEATURES NEW ROUTE

Milwaukee – The Wisconsin Donor Network, eastern Wisconsin's organ procurement organization, will host the eighth annual Sarah's Stride run/walk, 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2006, in downtown Wauwatosa, to raise funds for organ donation awareness.

A new route and expanded age divisions highlight this year's two-mile walk and 5K certified run winding through the Menomonee River Parkway. This new course provides an excellent opportunity to set a 5K personal record while supporting organ donation awareness, according to the Wisconsin Donor Network.

All participants receive a T-shirt, refreshments, entrance to HartFest, and are eligible to win door prizes. Registration fees are \$18 per person and \$64 per family, plus \$15 for each additional person. Team fees are \$75 per team (plus individual registration fees).

Sarah's Stride is held in honor and memory of Sarah Hegarty, a local teen who died in 1998 while awaiting a life-saving transplant. Sarah's Stride proceeds benefit organ donation awareness efforts in Wisconsin. More than 7,900 participants have raised more than \$320,000 over the first seven years of the event.

Thanks to funds from the inception of the Sarah's Stride event, an educational video about organ and tissue donation and transplant, featuring Wisconsin residence, is new to the Wisconsin Donor Network's donation awareness information.

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Other educational information provided by funds raised at Sarah's Stride include the Wisconsin Donor Network's Web site, a reference guide to organ donation and transplant, and two different high school curricula: one used in driver's education and one used in health education. Every driver's education program and high school in the state has received these materials.

Call the Sarah's Stride information line, (414) 805-4698, or visit www.wisdonornetwork.org for a registration form or for more information about Sarah's Stride.

More than 1,600 people in Wisconsin are currently waiting for an organ transplant and more than 92,000 nationally. In Wisconsin, someone dies every three days, and nationally more than 6,000 people die every year, awaiting a transplant because there are not enough donated organs.

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