

maCares Tribute 5K Run/2.5K Walk & Silent Auction to Honor Service Members and First Responders

North Carolina-based nonprofit announces their second annual run/walk & auction to sponsor the continual care costs of service dogs helping veterans, children, and adults.

GREENSBORO, NC (August 21, 2018) – Help honor service members and first responders at the **2nd Annual maCares Tribute 5K Run/2.5K Walk & Silent Auction** on **September 8, 2018** at **Jaycee Park/Country Park** in Greensboro. All proceeds will support the **maCares & faith Cares Service Dog Support Programs**.

The goal of the **maCares Tribute 5K Run/2.5K Walk & Silent Auction** is to raise money to sponsor the continual care costs of additional service dog teams. maCares cannot reach this goal without your help!

The **maCares & faith Cares Service Dog Support Programs** relieve the financial burden of the service dog so the person can focus on living a full and productive life with his/her service dog. The covered expenses can include re-certification training, veterinary care, vaccinations, medications, grooming, and daily care including food. Veterans also have sponsored access to a licensed therapist.

maCares Charitable Giving Project Manager, Abby Beaver shared “We are excited for the community to join us in participating in the **2nd Annual maCares Tribute 5K Run/2.5K Walk & Silent Auction**. We have something for everyone—runners, walkers, kids’ activities, an area to visit with the maCares service dog teams, the chance to win money in our 50/50 raffle, amazing auction items that could go home with you, and more! Each person’s support makes a difference in the lives of veterans, children, and adults.”

Teams, strollers and friendly, leashed dogs are welcome at the event. Enjoy the opening tribute ceremony, your choice of a timed 5K run or 2.5K walk, variety of silent auction items, 50/50 Raffle, food, the chance to visit with the maCares service dog teams and with Sgt. Swarm from the Greensboro Swarm, throw some hoops with the Guilford College Men’s Basketball team, and awards ceremony. Participants that register by August 26th will score one of our awesome and unique event t-shirts.

Race winners will be recognized in several categories with fun awards given to top female and male finishers. Thanks to RaceWire, the top 3 overall male and female finishers will receive free entries into both the Gibb’s Hundred Oktoberfest 5K (10-6-18) and the Greensboro Gobbler (11-22-18)!

Want to support the maCares Tribute Run/Walk in Greensboro on September 8th, but can’t make it? Not to worry, you can still participate by being a Virtual Participant! A Virtual Participant can walk or run wherever he/she is on the event day (or when he/she can).

In Greensboro, the run/walk will start and finish at the Jaycee Parking Lot entrance to Country Park. Packet pick up is Friday, September 7th from 4-7pm at Omega Sports, located at 2431 Battleground Avenue in Greensboro. Race Day Registration at Jaycee Park/Country Park starts at 7:30am and the timed 5K will begin at 9:00am, followed by the 2.5K, rain or shine. Registration fees start at \$30. Online registration closes September 5th.

maCares is grateful for the support received from the event’s top sponsors: **SHOP.COM, Epes Transport System Inc., Dixon Hughes Goodman, Sharp Business Systems, Marriott, Awards of Excellence, Rent-A-Home of the Triad, Total Wine & More, Texas Roadhouse, and Biscuitville.**

For more information or to registration for the **maCares Tribute 5K Run/2.5K Walk & Silent Auction**, please visit www.maCares.racewire.com. To learn more about maCares’ events and give back opportunities or to make a tax deductible monetary donation, please visit www.maCares.org.

ABOUT maCares

maCares is a 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to ‘*helping service dogs help others*’ by improving the quality of life for veterans, children, and adults. **maCares** also sponsors emergency veterinary care for rescued animals.

Since its inception in 1998 (nonprofit status in 2012), maCares has assisted dozens of organizations. Currently, maCares supports the following charitable efforts:

- **faith Cares**, a division of maCares: provides the continual care costs for service dogs assisting veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and/or Traumatic Brain Injury
- the **maCares’ Service Dog Support Program**: provides the continual care costs for service dogs assisting those who have physical, neurological and/or medical challenges
- **maCares Animal Relief and Emergency Services Fund (maC.A.R.E.S. Fund)**: helps with the cost of emergency services and special care needed for rescued animals in association with a local animal rescue group.

For more information: www.maCares.org