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Third Annual Zach's Run raises over \$20,000 for Hunter Syndrome research

Making Precious Strides, Inc. (MPS) recently held its third annual Zach's Run, a 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Walk in Ocean City, NJ. Over 300 runners and walkers turned out to help raise money to find a cure for Hunter Syndrome. This year's event raised over \$20,000 to go towards medical research.

This year's event included a Tot Trot for children ages 8 and under, a cool-down dance lesson courtesy of the Atlantic City Soul Line Dancers and music provided by Zach's Run's radio partner, SoJo 104.9fm.

MPS, Inc. donated proceeds from last year's Zach's Run to two research facilities currently working on finding a cure for Hunter Syndrome. Co-founders of MPS, Inc. Chris and Cheryl Dearth, presented a \$15,000 check to Dr. Joseph Muenzer, professor of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC to go towards his ongoing Hunter Syndrome research. Natalie Virgilio represented Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which received a check for \$5,000 to go towards the research initiatives of Dr. Paige Kaplan and Dr. John Wolfe.

Making Precious Strides, Inc. is a local, non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to raising awareness and finding a cure for Hunter Syndrome. Chris and Cheryl Dearth originally of Margate and Somers Point, NJ, founded the organization in 2005 after their son Zachary was diagnosed with the incurable, genetic disease at the age of three. The organization's main fundraising event, Zach's Run, takes place every fall in Ocean City, NJ and raises money to support Hunter Syndrome research.

For more information about Zach's Run and Making Precious Strides, Inc., visit www.zachsrun.org or www.makingpreciousstrides.org.

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Photo Caption 1: Cheryl and Chris Dearth, co-founders of Making Precious Strides, Inc., present Dr. Joseph Muenzer, professor of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC with a donation check for \$15,000 to go towards Hunter Syndrome research. Each year proceeds from Zach's Run go to medical research for a cure for the disease.



Photo Caption 2: Over 300 runners and walkers turned out to support the Third Annual Zach's Run on Sixth Street and the Boardwalk in Ocean City, NJ. The event raised over \$20,000 to go towards Hunter Syndrome research. The 1-Mile Walk and 5-K Run takes place each Fall in Ocean City.

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