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Local organization hosts Run/Walk for Hunter Syndrome research

Fourth Annual Zach's Run, Saturday, September 19

Making Precious Strides, Inc. (MPS) will hold its Fourth Annual Zach's Run, a 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Walk, to raise funds for a cure for Hunter Syndrome. This year's race will take place on Saturday, September 19, rain or shine, at 6th Street and the Boardwalk in Ocean City, NJ. Registration details follow below.

This year's event will include additional activities for kids including a dunk tank, face painting, and the second annual Tot Trot. Following the race, MPS, Inc. will donate funds to North Carolina Children's Hospital at the University of North Carolina, a medical research center currently working on a cure for Hunter Syndrome.

Hunter Syndrome or (Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II- MPS II) is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the body's ability to break down cell waste, which interferes with the functions of cells and soft tissue organs leading to serious complications. There is currently no cure for the disease.

The race's namesake Zachary Dearth was diagnosed with Hunter Syndrome in July 2005 at the age of three. Zachary's parents are Cheryl (Betz) Dearth and Chris Dearth natives of Somers Point and Margate, NJ respectively.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Race begins at 9 a.m. The check presentation to the North Carolina Children's Hospital will take place at 10:30 a.m. Pre-Registration costs \$20 and Day-of Registration costs \$25. Proceeds from the event go to medical research for Hunter Syndrome.

For more information, visit www.zachsrun.org or www.makingpreciousstrides.org.

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