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WHY Racing Events announces partnership with PeaceHealth for inaugural race
PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center will be the exclusive Health Partner for the inaugural AppleTree Marathon, Half-marathon and 5K races held September 15-16.

Vancouver, Washington (July 2018)– WHY Racing Events is announcing the partnership of PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center as the exclusive Health Partner for the inaugural AppleTree Marathon event. As a partner, PeaceHealth will provide health and nutrition information during the event, as well as provide volunteers at designated water stations along the route. “We are happy to have PeaceHealth as our partners to kick off the first AppleTree Marathon event,” said WHY Racing Founder and CEO Sherri McMillan, “They are dedicated to the community’s health and wellness at every age and stage, so an event like the AppleTree Marathon, which has races for any level of athlete, aligns well with their vision.”

The AppleTree Marathon will have three running events, starting with the Sunset 5K run on Saturday, September 15 at 6 P.M. The Marathon and Half Marathon start Sunday morning, September 16 at 7 A.M. and 8 A.M. respectively. “We’re really pleased to be the health partner for this inaugural event,” said Sean Gregory, Chief Executive for PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center. “As the largest employer in Clark County, PeaceHealth is committed to enhancing the health and wellness of our community, and this is a great way to encourage healthier lifestyles.”

The main beneficiary of the AppleTree Marathon is the Police Activities League, a non-profit organization that partners with law enforcement agencies to promote positive relationships between law enforcement officers and youth in the community through educational programs and recreational opportunities. PAL offers many at-risk children with year-round programs and special events that foster teamwork, enforce citizenship, and provide the opportunities to work with law enforcement officers and caring adult mentors. PAL believes that it can help reduce the juvenile crime rates by empowering our youth to make responsible life choices.

Community members can also volunteer their time in return for donations to their preferred cause. Local schools, clubs and teams can earn money for their organization by volunteering at a water station or as course marshals. If you are interested in helping at the event and learning more about volunteering, please email volunteer@whyracingevents.com

About the Apple Tree Marathon The AppleTree Marathon’s theme is a “Run Through History” and will route runners through key historic Vancouver landmarks and buildings, including Fort Vancouver and the Army Barracks, Officer’s Row, Pearson Airport, and past the northwest’s oldest living apple tree. The marathon is a flat and fast Boston Qualifying two-loop course that will be spectator friendly and offer a unique and beautiful run for participants. The runs will have water stations every mile and plenty of entertainment to keep runners motivated. This inaugural event will no doubt prove to be a popular draw for both elite runners and first-timers. Runners have the option to form a marathon relay team. The



AppleTree will also provide post-event meal and party, including free beer courtesy of Deschutes Brewery, a T-shirt, medal, and gift bag.

The Eatery at the Grant House, located on Officers Row, is catering the post-event meals on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for Saturday's meal following the Sunset Run are \$10 pre-sale, or \$12 the day of the event. Sunday's meal, free to runners, are \$12 for the public to purchase. For more information regarding both meals, please visit WHY Racing Event's website.

Schedule of events:

Saturday Sept. 15 6 p.m. - 5K Sunset Run

Sunday Sept. 16: 7 a.m. - Marathon start; 8 a.m. - Half Marathon start

To learn more about the AppleTree marathon, visit: <http://whyracingevents.com/event/998>

About Why Racing Events

Why Racing Events is a multi-sport event management organization that offers athletes of all ages and abilities, from the elite level to the back-of-the-packers, the chance to successfully complete a racing event. They host a series of events every year from March to October, including children's races, fun runs, half marathons, marathons, duathlons and triathlons. They are committed to providing a positive experience to everyone involved while raising awareness and funds for important community causes. Find out more information about Why Racing Events at www.whyracingevents.com

About PeaceHealth About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with more than 900 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. www.peacehealth.org

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