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Teens Raise Funds for Oklahoma Education with Road Race March 5

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Teen Board of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame will host its fifth annual Oklahoma Hall of Fame Land Run 10k, 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, March 5 to benefit Oklahoma education programming of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum.

The event will be held at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, at the corner of N.W. 13th and Shartel in Oklahoma City, and consists of 10k and 5k runs at 8:30 a.m. and a 1-mile fun run at 8 a.m. The 10k and 5k race route runs through the historic Heritage Hills neighborhood and Midtown Oklahoma City. There also will be an awards ceremony, giveaways, food and drinks.

The board of 30 high school students has been hard at work since August raising sponsorship dollars, recruiting volunteers and publicizing the event. Race sponsors include SONIC, America's Drive-In; Oklahoma City Police Athletic League; Steve & Jennifer Grigsby; Waypoint Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; Powers Abstract Co., Inc; Insured Aircraft Title Service Inc.; Bentley Edmonds; Fahed Hammadeh; Principle Financial, Khue Chuong Tran, Elizabeth Raymond, and NBC Bank.

In addition to learning new skills throughout the process of planning for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Land Run 10k, 5k and Fun Run, board members also have gained a greater appreciation of their own Oklahoma heritage and understanding of the importance of giving back to their community.

“This year’s teen board is diverse, dedicated, and most importantly proud of being from Oklahoma, and I am so glad to work with such a great group of individuals,” said Teen Board Chairman Evan Barton, a senior at Booker T. Washington High School. **“This year will be the biggest race the board has ever put on, but that is exactly what we plan for each year. Seeing people from all over the state come together for an event like this is truly humbling. Participating on the teen board this year has taught me how to lead efficiently and how working hard with others can yield amazing results. Oklahoma’s heritage is truly something to be proud of, and we are so happy to make Oklahoma’s story more accessible to its people through this fundraiser.”**

DG Productions will be coordinating the timing of the event. The race is USATF sanctioned on a certified course and will be chip-timed. Awards will be presented to the overall male and female as well as the top three finishers in each 5-year age group. The top overall male and female finishers of the 10k and 5k will each receive a pair of shoes.

Participants can register online at www.OklahomaHOF.com/LandRunRace. Registration for the 10k is \$35, 5k is \$25 and the 1-Mile Fun Run is \$20. All levels include a t-shirt. Discounts are available for groups of 4 or more. Registration will be available on the day of the event, but the entry fee will be an additional \$5 per race level and there is no guarantee that shirts will be available. Race Packets may be picked up on Friday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum at NW 13th Street & Shartel Ave.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Oklahoma's history and promoting pride in our great state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, the organization strives to tell Oklahoma's story through its people.

For more information about the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Land Run, the Teen Board or the organization or Museum, visit www.oklahomahof.com or call 405.235.4458.

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