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Lace-up Your Shoes for Dave Ryan's 5K & 10K Walk/Run for Special Olympics Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS – August 6, 2013 – Lace-up your shoes and hit the pavement to support Special Olympics Minnesota (SOMN)! The annual Dave Ryan 5K & 10K walk/run will be Saturday, Sept. 28, at Boom Island Park in Minneapolis. Walkers and runners of all skill levels are invited to attend the funfilled event that supports more than 7,500 SOMN athletes.

The 5K & 10K course allows participants to hit the pavement for a great cause while enjoying nature in an urban area. Participants are encouraged to invite their family and friends to join them on the course! The race begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:35 a.m. Last year, more than 1,200 participants laced-up their shoes and raised more than \$45,000 for SOMN.

Registration is now open online for the 5K & 10K. Registration will also be available day of the event from 7-8:30 a.m. Pre-registered participants will receive \$5 off the registration fee. Walkers and runners will receive a T-shirt. Participants can go the "extra mile" to raise additional funds for SOMN. Prizes will be awarded to those who do! For more information or to pre-register, please visit daveryan.kintera.org.

The event is supported by KDWB.

For questions, please contact Alyssa Siech at 800.783.7732, ext. 255 or by email at alyssa.siech@somn.org.

About Special Olympics Minnesota

Special Olympics Minnesota offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round sports training and competition. Through Special Olympics' athletic, health and leadership programs, people with intellectual disabilities transform themselves, their communities and the world.

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