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NOVA's 8th Annual NO BULLYing Run Goes Virtual in 2020

Proceeds to support NOVA anti-bullying programs in local schools

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) has announced that its 8th Annual NO BULLYing Run is a completely virtual event and participants can choose their own course and distance.

The event, which raises awareness about the effects and consequences of bullying and funds NOVA's efforts to combat bullying through school-based prevention education programs, began June 1 and will continue through June 30, 2020. Throughout the month, participants are asked to log their miles and report them via the event's results page either daily or weekly. Participants can complete the miles all at once or break it up throughout the month. The results will be tallied for the overall goal of 19,642 miles. Each mile represents one child who is bullied in Bucks County every year according to statistics from PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center.

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Participants can opt to run, walk stroll or roll at one of three levels, Free, Standard or Premium. Anyone can participate in this year's event and register for free. The registration fee for the Standard Level is \$15.00 and includes a 2020 NO BULLYing Run Tech T-Shirt. The registration fee for the Premium Level is \$30.00 and includes a 2020 NO BULLYing Run Medal and a 2020 NO BULLYing Run Tech T-Shirt. Standard and Premium participants will have the opportunity to win weekly prizes and compete for our coveted bull trophies by completing the most miles during the month in their age category. Age categories are: 10 and under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and up. In addition, all participants can win prizes for participating in weekly challenges and for logging their miles.

All participants will receive an orange Upstander bracelet to show their commitment to end bullying. Orange is used to commemorate Unity Day, which is when people come together against bullying and in support of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. In addition, members of the Girl Scouts are welcome to participate in the run and earn a "Stop Bullying" badge. All participating Girl Scouts must enter their troop number at registration, in order to earn the patch.

NOVA is thrilled to welcome back two of our major event sponsors - Penn Community Bank (Title Sponsor) and Munich RE (Diamond Sponsor). Penn Community Bank is the Title sponsor of this year's event for the 7th year in a row and Munich RE joins us as a second year Diamond Sponsor.

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“Whether you run, walk, stroll, or roll outside or indoors on exercise equipment, every mile counts,” said Angela McGettigan, NOVA’s Director of Community Relations and Development. “Remember, if you walk as a family, you can log the miles for each person, including children. In fact, kids who are registered at the Standard or Premium level are eligible to win bull trophies in their age groups for their miles. So, we encourage individuals and families sign up and help put an end to bullying in our communities.”

NOVA encourages participants to share their race results on the organization’s social media pages at:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nova.bucks/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nova.bucks/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/novabuckscounty>

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ABOUT NOVA

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

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