Run, walk or roll for a cause at Camp Cheerful: Talk of the Towns

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Participants in the Camp Cheerful Classic, a mini-Race for clients of Achievement Centers for Children, held right before kick-off of the agency's A Most Excellent Race at Camp Cheerful. This year's walk/run fundraiser is Sunday, June 28.Achievement Centers for Children

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STRONGSVILLE, Ohio - One of the longest-running walk/run fundraisers in Northeast Ohio returns to Camp Cheerful in Strongsville on June 28. *A Most Excellent Race* has been raising funds for Achievement Centers for Children's programs for children and adults with disabilities since 1990 and has proudly partnered with Hermes Cleveland for more than 20 years.

A Most Excellent Race offers various course options: a 10k run, 5k run or walk, or a 1 mile walk that can be completed in person or virtually. Those who create

a team and register at least five people will receive $20 off the $35 registration fee. All participants can register at www.AchievementCenters.org/Race. After registering, runners and walkers are welcome to create a fundraising page that they can share with family, friends, and colleagues to invite them to support their efforts.

The event also includes the inspirational Camp Cheerful Classic, a special walk/jog/roll solely for current and former participants of Achievement Centers for Children. This kicks off shortly before the main race begins at 9 a.m. and registration is free.

The main Race is a chip-timed, fast course that covers Camp Cheerful's 52-acre campus and extends through other parts of the Cleveland Metroparks' Mill Stream Run Reservation. Day-of registration runs from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., with a 9 a.m. start time.

Medals will be awarded to the top male and female finishers and the top three male and female runners for the 5k and 10k run.

Sponsors are a key part of the event's success. Along with sponsorships that include team registration spots, there are also Underwriting sponsorship opportunities for companies/individuals unable to participate in the Race but want to support the agency's mission. Prospective sponsors can learn more at www.AchievementCenters.org/Race.