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35th Annual Leprechaun Run Presented by TMNA Services to benefit Special Olympics PA

(Philadelphia, PA, March 5, 2020) – Start your St. Patrick’s Day Celebration early and take part in one of Philadelphia’s oldest traditions at Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Philadelphia’s 35th annual Leprechaun Run on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Presented by TMNA Services, the Leprechaun Run will take place at the Schuylkill Banks Palapa by the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in three different events: a Lucky 7-Mile Race, a Classic 5-Mile Race, and a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk. The first race will begin at 7:30 am.

The course will begin and end at the Schuylkill Banks Palapa, where Martin Luther King Drive meets the Schuylkill Trail Connector. It will then move out and back along the scenic west side of the Schuylkill River, from the Spring Garden Bridge through Fairmount Park. Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. and the “Leprechaun Shop,” where green colored accessories can be purchased before the run, will be available for participants to get into the St. Patrick’s Day spirit. The Leprechaun Shop will also feature Special Olympics PA merchandise.

Registration fees are as follows: \$40 for the Lucky 7-Mile, \$35 for the Classic 5-Mile Race, and \$25 for the 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Children under the age of 8 can participate for free without the need to register online, but will not receive an event t-shirt. Children must run or walk – strollers, wagons, and bikes are not permitted. Participants are eligible to receive a medal for the best race-time finish in the overall and age categories.

Prior to the run, all participants are invited to the Pre-Leprechaun Run Happy Hour on Thursday, March 12th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Devil’s Alley Bar & Grill located at 907 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. Tickets to this extended Happy Hour are \$12 and drink specials will be offered. Runners will also have the opportunity to pick up their bibs during the Happy Hour. In addition, a second bib pickup opportunity will be offered on Friday, March 13th at Road Runner Sports located at 155 Village Drive in King of Prussia from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Leprechaun Run will support Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, a program providing free year-round sports training and competition to the nearly 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities. This year’s Run is expected to raise over \$35,000. TMNA Services, Sullivan Scrap Metals, Marshall Dennehey and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation are major sponsors of this year’s event.

Pre-registration is ongoing at LeprechaunRun.org until Saturday, March 14th when the race starts. Interested parties will also be able to register in-person on Race Day. For more information, please contact Kristin Craven, Special Events and Marketing Manger at 610-630-9450 x252, or email at kcraven@specialolympicspa.org.

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Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) provides year-round training and competition in 21 Olympic-type sports to more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities. For 50 years, SOPA and its 54 local programs have used the power of sports to transform the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and unite everyone by fostering community and building a more acceptable and civil society. SOPA is much more than a sports organization. Through its Athlete Leadership Programs, athletes assume meaningful leadership roles, influence change within the Special Olympics movement and take on roles as Global Messengers (trained as public speakers for Special Olympics), athlete representatives, coaches, board members and more. SOPA also addresses major challenges facing its athletes including healthcare. Its Healthy Athletes program offers athletes free health screenings in the form of eye, ear, dental and podiatry assessments. Athletes are also taught how to live active lifestyles, eat healthy and more. Additionally, SOPA strives to create a unified world by promoting inclusion, uniting communities, and changing attitude. Through Unified Sports, SOPA brings together individuals with and without intellectual disabilities as equal teammates in training and competition, which promotes respect and acceptance, and facilitates meaningful relationships between people of all abilities. For more information about how you can join “The Inclusion Revolution,” visit www.specialolympicspa.org.

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