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**February 18, 2010**

**To:**

**Re: Huron Hills Endurance 5K Run & Walk & Luisa Ponvert**

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, Huron Hills Church will host its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Endurance 5K Run and Walk at Gallup Park. As you may know, the Endurance 5K is not only an invigorating run at a gorgeous park, but an event to raise money for an Ann Arbor individual in need. This past year, thanks to our runners, sponsors and donors, we were successful in raising more than \$4000 for the medical needs of Nick Breakey, a Huron High School student battling leukemia. The recipient of this year's race may be familiar to you. Luisa Ponvert is an 8 year-old Bach Elementary School student, who is suffering a brain injury after contracting encephalitis in early 2008. Her mother, Adele Ponvert, was a local artist and was well-known throughout the Farmer's Market and Ann Arbor Artist Communities. In November, 2009, Adele lost her battle with cancer after a long and exhausting 6 years. Luisa is now being cared for by her mother's best friend, Chris Herdell. While we cannot relieve all of the burdens Luisa and Chris face, we are hopeful that with your help, we can offer just a little financial comfort at this time.

The Endurance 5K Run and Walk has become a very popular community event and draws great participation from area runners, walkers and families. Media coverage for the event continues to grow as well! At the conclusion of the race, we will present the Top Finishers with awards and will hold a special drawing for all registered participants. These prizes serve as an additional incentive to encourage participation, and ultimately, enable us to raise money for the recipient. All merchants donating food and prizes will be recognized and thanked for their participation at the event.

We are asking area businesses to partner with us in this event by providing items that may be given away as prizes to the Top Finishers of the race, as well as to the winners of the drawing. A number of area businesses have already agreed to help sponsor this event and we would greatly appreciate your participation as well.

If you would like to participate by offering items for prizes, or by simply making a financial donation, please give me a call at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at 734-474-2768. Thank you very kindly for your consideration. I hope to talk with you soon!

**Sincerely,**

**Jessica Spivey**  
**Endurance 5K Race Coordinator**