GET INVOLVED IN YOUR GREAT HUMAN RACE

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Looking for a way to get involved in your local community? Do not look any longer. The Ronald McDonald House of Durham is sponsoring the Great Human Race held at 9:30 a.m. March 27, and this is the perfect opportunity just for you.

The Great Human Race is an annual 5K run or walk presented by the Volunteer Center of Durham. This year, the race will begin at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and travel throughout downtown Durham.

“The Great Human Race provides a triple-win by building a vibrant community of fund raising, volunteerism and community’s needs and services,” said Lisa Lambert, who is the special events coordinator for the House.

The Ronald McDonald House is a nonprofit organization that provides a safe, comfortable and affordable home to seriously ill children and their families while they receive treatment at Duke Children’s Hospital or other medical facilities in the area.

Each year the House sponsors several fund-raisers to help make the lives of the residents easier during their difficult time. The House has set a goal to raise $6,000 from the race. If raised, the proceeds will allow the House to be open for five days without charge.

The House is currently looking for several large organizations to participate in this service project. The race is an excellent opportunity for any organization to get involved in their community and assist the lives of others in need.
Several organizations will be accompanying the House, ranging from the Cornucopia House to the Eno River Association this year. Yet, there is still room for many more.

If interested, participants are encouraged to donate at least $50 by March 24. This $50 will grant the participant a Great Human Race T-shirt to wear the day of the race. Partakers are not required to participate in the race but can simply provide a donation. Several prizes will also be awarded to those with the highest donations.

Individuals who would like to race competitively must register by 5 p.m. March 21. Registration costs $15 before March 22 and $25 after March 22. More information on registering can be found at www.greathumanrace.org. Other questions about the race can be answered by Lisa Lambert, the event coordinator, at specialevents@ronaldhousedurham.org.

Founded in 1980, the Ronald McDonald House of Durham offers physical comforts and emotional support in an environment dedicated to the well-being of the whole family. The House has provided affordable accommodations for more than 25,000 families from every county in North Carolina, 43 states and nine foreign countries. For more information about the House, visit the Web site at www.ronaldhousedurham.org.

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