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# Phil Fitts Ford presents the YMCA T-Day 5K Run/Walk

NEW CASTLE, Pa – The New Castle Community YMCA will once again host its annual T-Day 5K Run/Walk on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, to benefit the Y's youth scholarship fund. Presented by Phil Fitts Ford & Lincoln, this event – now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year - gives families a chance to enjoy fellowship and friendly competition together before gathering at the table to give thanks.

### About the Race

The T-Day 5K is open to people of all ages. "Runners, walkers and their families are invited to participate," said Y-Zone Branch Executive and race coordinator Jason Kmick. "Wheelchairs, strollers, even pets on leashes are welcome."

"As a business owner here in New Castle, I find it very important to support our community," said Phil Fitts, the race sponsor of note. "Sponsoring the Y's annual T-Day 5k Run/Walk is a great way to give back to the community that supports Phil Fitts Ford and bring people together on the holidays for a fun, health-minded event."

The race will feature a live DJ, refreshments and an awards ceremony after the race. The top male and female overall finishers and the top three finishers in each age group will receive a medal. Age groups are: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80+.

"We expect to see at least 400 participants with their families on Thanksgiving morning," Kmick said.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. inside the YMCA gymnasium. Race packets will be distributed and t-shirts will be available while supplies last. The gym will also be open for participants to warm up before the race.

The race starts at 9 a.m. in front of the Downtown YMCA and the course winds through downtown New Castle. Registration forms and course maps are available at <a href="https://www.ncymca.org">www.ncymca.org</a>. Registration is \$25/person; race day registrations will be accepted.

According to Kmick, "The T-Day 5K supports the Y's Youth Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to neighbors in crisis. We don't turn anyone away from the Y because of inability to pay for membership or programs. Most often youth and families are referred to us by teachers, counselors and principals, but anyone can apply for financial assistance."

## About the Y

At the Y, we strengthen our community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We engage 6,000 men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the county's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Rooted in the Lawrence County community for 145 years, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. Learn more at <a href="https://www.ncymca.org">www.ncymca.org</a>.