

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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### **MAYOR DEPIERO'S ANNUAL CHARITABLE RACE: "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET AND GO"**

**(Parma)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero is ready to set the pace for his 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run and 2K Fun Walk at Byers Field on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The race will benefit Seasons of Life Hospice located at 9511 West Pleasant Valley Road. Seasons of Life is a service of Parma Community General Hospital.

"As many folks know, this race is close to my heart," says Mayor DePiero. "I always say helping the helpers in our city makes Parma a great community in every sense of the word."

Seasons of Life Hospice is for the terminally ill, providing nurse visits, pain management, home health aide, and other quality of life services. The Seasons of Life Residential Hospice offers ten private patient rooms that include home cooked meals, living and dining rooms. The program is a Medicare/Medicaid certified provider.

"Seasons of Life Hospice is so very grateful to be the benefactor of this event," says Lisa Birkland, Director of Hospice. "Seasons of Life has been privileged to care for the area's terminally ill patients and their families for nearly 25 years, focusing on quality of life – peace, comfort and dignity."

Over the past four years, nearly \$20,000 has been collected in donations from Dean DePiero's charity race. Last year's beneficiary was Holy Family Home.

This year's 5K Run and 2K Fun Walk features giveaways, raffles, refreshments, timers and water stops. The course is flat, fast and accurate and extends around Parmatown Mall and Ridgewood Lake.

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“This is both a great sporting event and community event,” says Mayor DePiero. “You always benefit when you are able to give back to those who make a difference in our city. And all donations will help provide services and benefits to patients and their families at Seasons of Life.”

“We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Mayor DePiero”, says Lisa Birkland. “We are grateful to his administration and volunteers who help orchestrate this wonderful event in support of the Parma community,”

You can register online at [www.deandepiero.com](http://www.deandepiero.com). Call 440-884-2400 Ext. 122 if you have any questions.

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