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News Release

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Registration Open for Bee Payne-Stewart Strut & 5K

Registration is now open for the 7th annual Bee Payne-Stewart Strut & 5K, to be held Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. in downtown Springfield, starting at Mediacom Ice Park.

The 5K run is a timed event, routed through the Missouri State University campus. The 5K features medals for overall, masters and age group winners for both male and female participants. The Strut (walk) is a non-competitive 1.5-mile walk through downtown Springfield. Both events are geared to all ages and fitness levels – a true family fitness event.

The Strut celebrates the memory of Bee Payne-Stewart, a passionate advocate for women's leadership and athletics in Springfield. She was a founding member of the Leagues of Women Voters, helped start the Family Violence Center, now called Harmony House, and was the first woman to serve as president of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

The event raises funds for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Scholarship Fund, the Women's Intersports Network (WIN) and women's athletic programs at Drury University, Evangel University and Missouri State University. Participants are also encouraged to donate items urgently needed at Harmony House, including office supplies, hygiene and baby products, and linens. A complete list is posted at bpsSTRUT.com.

Registration for the Strut is available online at bpsSTRUT.com, \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for kids age 12 and younger. Online registration deadline is April 24; after that, participants may register at packet pick-up on Friday, April 26. Registration includes a t-shirt and 5K race materials.

Packet pick-up is Friday, April 26, 12-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, 7 - 7:50 a.m. at Mediacom Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway. **There will be no race day registration.**

For more information, visit bpsSTRUT.com or call Anne-Mary McGrath, Events Administrator, at 417-864-1338.