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Race Against Racism Planned

Thousands of runners and walkers will gather in Musser Park, East Chestnut and North Lime streets, Lancaster, on Saturday, April 24, for the YWCA of Lancaster Race Against Racism. The five-kilometer (3.1 mile) race brings members of the community together in support of eliminating racism and helping to fund the YWCA's local racial justice initiatives. This year will mark the 12th anniversary of the event, making it the longest running YW Race Against Racism in the world.

The YWCA will also sponsor Humanity Fest, a multicultural food and craft fair in Musser Park from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., to coincide with the race. Humanity Fest will appeal to people of all ages and will be open to everyone. People do not have to participate in the race to attend Humanity Fest, which will feature a variety of ethnic foods, fair trade goods,

works of local artisans, and multicultural entertainment.

A fun run for children age 12 and under will be held at 8:30 a.m., and the Race Against Racism will start at 9 a.m. Besides individual runners and walkers, numerous schools, businesses, and community groups will have teams. The largest team overall will win free tickets to the Barnstormers game on Sunday, May 2.

Prizes, trophies, and awards will be awarded to winners in more than a dozen age groups, ranging from age 9 and under to age 70 and up. Every preregistered runner and walker will receive a 12th anniversary Race Against Racism T-shirt and an eco-friendly bag of goodies.

The Race Against Racism will fund the YW's racial justice initiatives, which include a school-based anti-bias curriculum for children designed to break the cycle of preju-



Walkers participate in the YWCA of Lancaster Race Against Racism. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 24, in Musser Park, Lancaster. In addition to a 5K race and a fun run for children, the YWCA will sponsor Humanity Fest, a multicultural food and craft fair.

dice. There are study circles that bring people together from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints to discuss ways of building good race relations within the community. The YW's Racial Justice Institute is an in-depth, three-day workshop for individuals, businesses, and community groups that uses national trainers to examine the subtle ways racism can permeate society and what can be done to counteract them.

Separate registration fees have been set for running or walking in the race for adults and for children age 12 and under. Participants who register before Monday, April 12, will receive a discount. There will be no admission fee for Humanity Fest. For more information or to register, readers may call 393-1735, go online at www.ywcalancaster.org, or e-mail raceagainstracism@ywcalancaster.org.

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