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Sgt. Dan R. Starnes Memorial Walk/Run Oct. 11 Benefits Scholarship at Community Foundation

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Morgan County, Ind. – On Saturday, Oct. 11, Morgan County residents are encouraged to lace up their tennis shoes for the second annual Sgt. Dan R. Starnes Memorial Walk/Run. The event honors the memory of Sgt. Starnes, a Morgan County Deputy who was shot while on duty on Flag Day, June 14, 2001 and died on July 10, 2001 from his injuries.

The 5K will take place at Pioneer Park in Mooresville. Registration will begin at shelter number six at 9 a.m. with the walk/run starting at 10 a.m. There will be divisions for ages 17 and under, ages 18-45, and ages 46 and over. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

The fee to participate is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. All proceeds will go to the Sergeant Dan Starnes Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Morgan County.

The loss of Sgt. Starnes was devastating for his family, including his wife Janice and sons Dustin and Ryan, now state troopers. However, the family was determined to make sure that his memory would not be forgotten, so they set up a fund at the Community Foundation of Morgan County to provide scholarships for Morgan County residents to study law enforcement.

“We wanted to give back to the community,” Janice said. “We wanted Dan remembered.”

“Creating a scholarship fund is a special way to remember a loved one, while at the same time benefitting the community,” said Tom Zoss, CFMC executive director. “The Starnes scholarship is wonderful because it raises funds that allow residents to pursue careers in law enforcement, a dream that ultimately improves the community in the same way Sgt. Starnes did.”

Now in its second year, the Sgt. Dan R. Starnes Memorial Walk/Run is sponsored by Core Fitness of Mooresville. For more information about the event, contact Core Fitness at (317) 834-8226.

More information about the foundation, and how to establish other funds to provide scholarships or grants, is available by calling the CFMC office locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free (877) 822-6958. Interested individuals can also visit the CFMC Web site online at www.cfmconline.org.