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**Registration Now Open for Scott Merfeld Memorial March 5K Run/Walk**

Hillsdale, MI, April 27, 2011 –

Registration is now open for the Hillsdale County Community Foundation YOUTH's Scott Merfeld Memorial March. The March is a 5K run/walk, open to any and all who wish to participate, including entire families. The 5K will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and the route will begin and end near Sandy Beach at Baw Beese Lake in Hillsdale. The course is mapped entirely on paved surfaces, and the final portion of the 5K will take place on the bike path.

The entry fee for the run/walk is \$20, if turned in by June 8<sup>th</sup>. After this date and on race day, the fee will increase to \$25. In order to encourage family participation, a special registration rate is available for families with more than four participants from the same household.

Registration will include a t-shirt for each participant, but sizes and quantities may be limited for those who register after the early bird deadline of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The t-shirts will feature a logo designed by an area high school student, Chris Wood, a freshman at Hillsdale High School. The YOUTH invited local schools to promote a logo design contest, where students could submit artwork to be considered as the logo to be used on t-shirts for the event. The YOUTH received 12 submissions from three schools, and chose Wood's design as the best illustration of the image they wanted to project for this event.

The event has been named in honor of Scott Merfeld, a past superintendent of Waldron Area Schools. Merfeld passed away in 2005 and was a proud supporter of young people, and especially athletics. Scott Merfeld's son A.J. is a member of the YOUTH, and the opportunity to collaborate with



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the Merfeld family has turned out to be a perfect fit for this event. The Hillsdale Community Health Center has also agreed to partner with the Foundation by being a bib sponsor and providing health information and water bottles for all participants.

The YOUTH have chosen to promote health and wellness this year as part of their efforts to raise funds for the Kellogg Youth Advisory Fund at the Community Foundation, an endowment fund from which the YOUTH are able to fund grant requests from area non-profits who are looking to finance projects and ideas to better the youth of Hillsdale County.

Registration information is available online at [www.abouthccf.org](http://www.abouthccf.org).

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