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Memorial's Regional Burn Center to Hold Fourth 5K Run/Walk

SPRINGFIELD – The fourth annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit Memorial's Regional Burn Center will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 5, in Washington Park in Springfield.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. The registration fee is \$25. Participants will meet at the open-air shelter near the children's playground and west of the tennis courts.

"Our first three runs have raised about \$19,500 to help us provide care and comfort to our patients and their families," Rosie Mottar, RN, nurse manager of the Regional Burn Center, said. "We've always been very grateful for the overwhelming community support we've received, and we're looking forward to another great event as we strive to improve the health of the people and communities we serve."

Awards will be given to top finishers by age groups and gender. The center's mascot, Burney Bear, will make an appearance. A fire truck from the Springfield Fire Department and an ambulance from Life Star Ambulance Service will kick off the event. Proceeds will benefit the Regional Burn Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Opened in 1970, Memorial's Regional Burn Center, one of a few such units in Illinois, serves a wide region across central and southern Illinois. The Regional Burn Center serves more than 200 acutely burned patients each year with the latest in burn technology. The center's nursing staff has more than 100 years of combined experience in treating acutely burned patients.

Staff members travel thousands of miles across the state presenting programs for community hospitals, first responders and nursing students about the importance of proper burn

management and continually strive to enhance the understanding of the importance of early burn resuscitation. They also provide community education programs to discuss prevention and emergent treatment of burn injuries.

For more information or to receive a registration form, call (217) 788-3330, send an e-mail to mottar.rosie@mhsil.com or amoore@siumed.edu or visit MemorialBurnCenter.com.

Memorial Medical Center, 701 N. First St., is a nonprofit, community-based hospital in the Mid-Illinois Medical District at Springfield. For more information about the hospital, visit ChooseMemorial.org.

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