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ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY 5K IS NOW VIRTUAL *Runners, walkers can donate to COVID-19 relief*

The 9th annual Mother's Day 5K – originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10 at Munroe Falls Metro Park – is now a virtual race.

“The focus of the event is now more on supporting our community than on competition and awards,” said Summit Metro Parks Chief of Philanthropy Jen Harvey. “We are pleased to offer runners the option to make a donation to either the Akron Summit County COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund or the Summit Metro Parks Foundation.” A race discount of up to \$20 is available to those who choose to make a donation.

To participate, runners and walkers select their own location and self-report their 5K race time. The run/walk can be completed anytime during the month of May and in any safe location – whether it be in Summit Metro Parks, around the neighborhood or even on a treadmill. To help foster a sense of community, participants will have the opportunity to share their experience with each other online.

Adults and kids over 14 can register for \$30; ages 14 and under are free. Paid registrants receive a T-shirt. Visit <https://bit.ly/virtualMD5K> to register online. For more information, please email contact@summitmetroparks.org.

Generous support for the Mother's Day 5K is provided by Akron Life Magazine, House of Plants, Summa Health and Vertical Runner.

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