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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE TO KICK OFF THE RICHARD WIGNEY MEMORIAL RUN FOR AUTISM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016 IN ALTON BAKER PARK TO BENEFIT PUBLIC AUTISM SERVICES**

***Eugene, Ore.*** – Bridgeway House will kick off the benefit 2015 Richard Wigney Memorial Run for Autism on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

Registration, available now at the Eugene Running Company, located at 116 Oakway Center, and online at EclecticEdgeRacing.com, will cost \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the race. Registration forms, also available online [bridgewayhouse.org](http://bridgewayhouse.org), should be mailed to Bridgeway House, 37770 Upper Camp Creek Road, Springfield, Oregon, 97478, by no later than April 8, 2016.

Participants will be able to pick up their race packets Alton Baker Park from 7:30 am to 8:45 am on the day of the event. The race starts at 9 am. Long-sleeve technical shirts will be available for purchase for \$15.

For more information about the 2016 Richard Wigney Memorial Run for Autism, please visit [http://eclecticedge racing.com/Bridgeway\\_Run\\_For\\_Autism.html](http://eclecticedge racing.com/Bridgeway_Run_For_Autism.html).

The 2016 Richard Wigney Memorial Run for Autism will benefit Bridgeway House, a local nonprofit organization that provides enriching programs and services for children and families affected by autism and related disabilities. This annual event provides an opportunity to raise autism awareness, acceptance, and support in our community.

The event features two races: a 5K run/walk and an 8K run. Both courses begin and end in Alton Baker Park, are flat and scenic on the bike paths along the Willamette River.

Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female finishers plus to the top three finishers in each age group in both races. Every child who participates in the run or walk will receive a ribbon.

For more information about Bridgeway House and Bridgeway House School, please visit <http://www.bridgewayhouse.org>.

**About the Bridgeway House**

Bridgeway House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 2002 to offer developmental therapies, enrichment courses, and support to children and families of all income levels with autism and related disabilities. Bridgeway House's therapeutic programs are designed to help this diverse and ever-increasing group of children meet the challenges of autism and help their families with the emotional, financial, and social challenges they face. Services include therapies, social skills groups, summer camps, parent skills groups, family social events, an annual theatre production, and a private school for children with autism. Bridgeway House offers scholarships for all programs so they are affordable to families from all walks of life.

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