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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 2017 Richard Wigney Memorial Run for Autism on Sunday, April 23, 2017. All proceeds will assist Bridgeway House serve the needs of children with autism and related abilities while educating and supporting their families

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. Teams of up to six applicants cost \$60 in advance and \$75 on race day.

Registration forms, also available online bridgewayhouse.org, should be mailed to Bridgeway House, PO Box 10639, Eugene, OR 97440, by no later than April 14, 2017.

The benefit race will kick off at a later time this year than previous years. Participants will be able to pick up their race packets Alton Baker Park at 1 p.m. on the day of the event. The race starts at 2 p.m.

For more information about the 2016 Richard Wigney Memorial Run for Autism, please visit <http://www.eclecticedgeracing.com/run-for-autism.html>.

The 2017 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.

The 2017 Run for Autism is generously sponsored by Sheppard Motors and NeuroSpine Institute.

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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