

Guidelines and Consent Form

The Missing GRACE Foundation (MGF) is excited that you are considering organizing a Hope & Hearts Run/Walk in your state of residence. The Hope & Hearts Run is an exceptional way to promote the awareness and understanding of pregnancy and infant loss, infertility and adoption challenges in communities across the country.

It is extremely important that all the Hope & Hearts Run events across the nation communicate a consistent and uniform public message. With the Hope & Hearts Run gaining national recognition, MGF has established the following guidelines for all the Hope & Hearts Run/Walk events. Please read the following policy statements in this Consent Form with regard to organizing a Hope & Hearts Run in your community and fill out the Application Form. Sign and return to the address at the bottom of this form. After receiving your signed Consent Form and Application/Registration Form, the Hope & Hearts Management Team will review your registration form within 30 days of receipt and confirm or deny your status as a State Race Director.

MGF must be notified of your intent to organize a Hope & Hearts Run each year by turning in the Hope & Hearts State Race Director Consent and Registration forms, which need to be signed and returned at least 8 months prior to your proposed initial Run date or upon completion of your Hope & Hearts Run event. It is important that MGF has an accurate and up-to-date listing of Hope & Hearts Runs across the country so that we can help you promote your run and present an accurate number of participating runs. Remember the more individuals that run the greater our voice!

The Hope & Hearts Run is a trademark of the Missing GRACE Foundation. Usage of the trademarked Hope & Hearts Run logo and MGF logo is required on all materials and cannot be altered or manipulated in any way. Please direct any questions to the Hope & Hearts Director regarding graphic standards to Candy McVicar at: info@missinggrace.org

In order to demonstrate the national visibility of the Run, the Hope & Hearts Run logo and MGF logo must be used on letterhead, event materials, brochures and when working with the media. The Hope & Hearts Run logo will be provided by MGF and specific for your event (i.e. Hannah's Hope & Hearts Run).

As a registered Hope & Hearts Run, it is important that you use the most up to date information on the Hope & Hearts Run (number of runs held last year, number expected this year, money raised and number of participants.) This information is available to you by contacting the Hope & Hearts Run National Directors, Chad and Heather Hemphill at: heather-hemphill@comcast.net

Contributions from your Hope & Hearts Run help to support MGF in funding programs for research, education, assistance, and advocacy efforts locally in the surrounding area the Run is held as well as on a national level. MGF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity and donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to donors.

All donations received through the State Director's Hope & Hearts event must be mailed directly to MGF and all checks need to be designated to Missing GRACE Foundation. No donations are to be directly deposited or retained by the State Director or their affiliates. All monies received related to the Hope & Hearts Run are the property of MGF. Donors will receive a tax-receipt from MGF

MGF provides a designated budget for each State Director to cover the cost of expenses to put on their local run. A detailed listing of what is covered by MGF and what is to be secured through local sponsorship and donations is provided within the State Director Information Packet.

MGF is able to provide event insurance for participating Hope & Hearts Runs.

State Directors must provide the Hope & Hearts National Directors with a copy of all proposed print and media materials that would be used to promote your Hope & Hearts Run. This includes but is not limited to: brochures, local community articles and/or pictures, save the date documents, flyers and press releases. Once approval is received, by the National Directors, you may proceed with use of those promotional items for that event year. Each year and each new event, these items must go through another approval process.

MGF is here to help you organize a wonderful event. The Hope & Hearts National Directors provide guidance and support all of our State Directors with their event public relations, fund-raising, and marketing, helping guide each State Director through the whole process to help to have a successful event!

I have carefully read the Consent Form and guidelines herein and fully understand its contents. I am aware that by signing this document, I agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Waiver and Release of Liability

*Print out the Guidelines, Consent and Waiver (3 total pages) and mail your signed forms to:
National Hope & Hearts Run * Missing GRACE Foundation * P.O. Box 1625 * Maple Grove, MN 55311*

I am physically capable of the work required to organize, host, and complete the tasks required to put on a Hope & Hearts Run/Walk event. I understand I may be asked to provide a doctor’s note or other proof that I am permitted to participate by my primary care health provider. If I am aware of or under treatment for any physical infirmity, ailment or illness, my medical care provider knows of this and has approved my participation in this event. I will maintain personal health insurance while participating in the event. I acknowledge that I, and I alone, am solely responsible for my personal health and safety, my actions at the event, and the personal property I bring with me. I will read the event description and rules for participation in the event and I will abide by all rules and regulations established by the Hope & Hearts Run Management. I further agree that my participation in the event is subject to the sole discretion of the Hope & Hearts Run Management and Missing GRACE Foundation (MGF).

I understand that while participating in this event, I will be using a public path and facilities where many hazards exist and I am aware of and appreciate the risks that may result from my own and others’ use. I am also aware that accidents may occur during this event which could result in serious injury, death, property damage or otherwise. I am voluntarily participating in this event with knowledge of all such risks.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in this event, I agree to personally assume all risks and to release, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Missing GRACE Foundation, and any designated beneficiaries, sponsors, officials, participating clubs, communities, organizations, friends of the event, volunteers, and all other government or public entities including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation and affiliated organizations and all their respective directors, officers, agents, employees and members (collectively, “the releasees”), for any claim, loss or liability that I may have arising out of my participation in the event, including bodily injury, death, property damage, or otherwise whether caused by negligence or carelessness of the releasees or otherwise.

I intend by the Waiver and Release of Liability to release in advance, and to waive my rights and to discharge all of the releasees from all claims, losses or liabilities for death, bodily injury or property damage that I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me or to others because of my actions as a result of my preparing for and participating in this event, even though that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the releasees, from dangerous or defective property or equipment owned, maintained or controlled by them or present at the event or because of their possible liability without fault. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release of Liability is binding on my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

I understand that my name, photograph, voice or likeness may be used for all promotional purposes related to the event by Missing GRACE Foundation, and their sponsors, beneficiaries, licensees, affiliates and employees. I consent to and authorize, in advance, such use and waive all rights of privacy I have in connection therewith. And I understand that I will not benefit financially from any use thereof.

I have carefully read this Waiver of Liability and Agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that by signing this document, I agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature