

# News

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### Romeo 2 Richmond Races Raise Funds for Local Organizations, Seek Volunteers

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Running enthusiasts of all fitness levels have the chance to feel twice as good about lacing up their shoes and hitting the trail September 19 during the “Romeo 2 Richmond Half Marathon and 5k Race.”

The event, which starts at 8:30 a.m. for the half marathon (13.1 miles) and at 9:10 a.m. for the 5k (3.1 miles), is a fund raiser for the Macomb Food Program, and Medals4Mettle, a program which awards people for their courage while fighting disease or disabilities.

The Macomb Food Program (MFP) is administered by the Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA), and serves families and individuals struggling to meet their food needs. In 2009, more than 131,462 individuals requested emergency food — a 44% increase in requests from the previous year. A \$10 donation to MCFP will provide almost 24 days of food (at three meals per day) for an individual.

“We are always so thankful for the help we receive in feeding Macomb County’s food insecure,” said Sue Figurski, food coordinator for the Macomb Food Program. “Unfortunately, as people struggle within this economy, we need the public’s help more than ever this year.”

Both the half marathon and 5k races travel along portions of the Macomb Orchard Trail, and end at Gateway Trail Park in Richmond. Participants will park in downtown Richmond and be bused to both starting locations for each race. For everyone’s comfort and safety, the Macomb County Sheriff’s Department Reserves will also be on patrol during the event.

Opportunities for sponsors are still available, and volunteers are needed to help make the event a success. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Rose Merlo at (586) 469-6004. Sponsorship information is available by calling Tracey Moro at (586) 263-4075.

For complete registration, parking and race-day schedule, please visit [www.romeo2richmondrace.com](http://www.romeo2richmondrace.com).

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