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THIRD ANNUAL MILTON MUD CHALLENGE OFFERS “MORE MUD, MORE OBSTACLES, MORE FUN AND MORE PARTY THAN EVER”

Goal of August 24 event is to raise \$40,000 for those with multiple sclerosis

(MILTON, WISCONSIN) – It was six years ago when Peggy O’Leary developed what she describes as a headache in her right eye. Thinking at first it might be an aneurysm, doctors instead found lesions all over her brain and spine – a telltale sign of multiple sclerosis. She was 52 at the time. Almost a year to the day later, O’Leary’s best friend received the same diagnosis.

“It rocked our world,” said O’Leary’s daughter, Heidi Crull.

But coming from a family of volunteers who, as Crull puts it, “is meant to do fundraising,” siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles jumped into the mix to take on a new cause: creating a world free of MS. They signed up for the National MS Society’s annual [Challenge Walk MS](#) in Door County under the team name “Survivors – Out Move Out Last” and quickly became one of the top fundraising teams. Crull also went to Washington, D.C., to attend Public Policy Committee meetings, and created an event of her own: a 5K run/obstacle course known as the Milton Mud Challenge.

The third annual event is set for August 24 and already 200 people are registered. The goal is to raise more than \$40,000 for MS-related research and services. Crull is quick to point out that this year’s challenge will feature “more mud, more obstacles, more fun and more party than ever.” In addition to food, drinks and live music; a 50-50 raffle and silent auction will help raise money toward the \$40,000 goal, along with the \$45 participant registration fee for adults (\$20 for those 14 and under). Participants are also encouraged to raise funds on their own to benefit the National MS Society-Wisconsin Chapter.

A special kids’ obstacle course will be included, and kids will be able to run the course as many times as they want. A separate mud-free zone featuring a corn sandbox, dunk tank, clown and Bounce House will also be available at the park.

Visit the [Milton Mud Challenge event website](http://miltonfamilyrecreation.com/events/milton-mud-challenge-13.html) (<http://miltonfamilyrecreation.com/events/milton-mud-challenge-13.html>) to register.

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About Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.1 million people worldwide. More than 10,000 children, women and men have been diagnosed in Wisconsin, believed to be one of the higher prevalence rates in the nation.

About the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

The National MS Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS. To fulfill this mission, the Society funds cutting-edge research, drives change through advocacy, facilitates professional education, collaborates with MS organizations around the world, and provides programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move forward with their lives. In 2012 alone, the Society invested \$43 million to support 350 research projects around the world while providing programs and services that assisted more than one million people. The Society is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. Join the movement at www.wisMS.org or by calling 262-369-4400 or 800-242-3358.

Early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can make a difference for people with multiple sclerosis. Learn about your options by talking to your health care professional and contacting the National MS Society at nationalMSSociety.org or 1-800-344-4867 (1-800-FIGHT-MS).

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