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## **PAWS in the Park Invites West Michigan to Walk, Run, or Roll in Support of Life-Changing Partnerships**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan** — Every partnership with a PAWS dog begins with the support of a community that believes in the power of working dogs. This August, West Michigan residents can lace up their shoes for an evening in support of these partnerships.

Paws With A Cause (PAWS) will host the second annual **PAWS in the Park 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run** on Thursday, August 6, at Millennium Park (1415 Maynard Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534). More than a community race, the inclusive walk, run, or roll raises critical funds that help place more PAWS dogs with people and communities across the country.

Proceeds from PAWS in the Park help fund the care, training, and placement of custom-trained assistance dogs and facility dogs. Each partnership is tailored to meet the unique needs of an individual or professional working in schools, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and other community settings—creating greater independence, confidence, and connection where it's needed most.

"PAWS in the Park is about so much more than a race," said Michele Suchovsky, CEO of Paws With A Cause. "It's a celebration of accessibility, community, and the incredible impact that happens when a person is matched with the right dog. Every participant will help make a difference. Whether you run, walk or roll, you're helping change someone's future."

Participants can choose between the 5K or 1-mile course, both beginning at 6:30 p.m., or simply enjoy an evening of family-friendly activities. The dog-friendly event features food trucks, local vendors, music, a beer and beverage garden, interactive activities, and professional race photographers capturing participants throughout the event, with complimentary race photos available for download afterward. Every registered participant will also receive a commemorative event T-shirt and finisher medal.

Registration is open through race day. Community members of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate with or without a dog and are welcome to attend whether they plan to complete the course or simply cheer on participants while supporting the PAWS mission.

To register for the race or sponsor the event, visit: [pawswithacause.org/paws-in-the-park/](https://pawswithacause.org/paws-in-the-park/)

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**About Paws With A Cause:** Since 1979, Paws With A Cause (PAWS) has been transforming lives and strengthening communities through partnerships with custom-trained working dogs. PAWS assistance and facility dogs have helped thousands of people thrive, providing opportunities to live with independence, confidence, and companionship. Serving over 20 states across the country, PAWS is accredited by Assistance Dogs International and Animal Assisted Services International. To learn how you can get involved, please visit: [pawswithacause.org](http://pawswithacause.org)