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PREVENTION NETWORK SPONSORS
CRAIG RYDER MEMORIAL 5K WALK/RUN

Syracuse, NY—Prevention Network is sponsoring the *Craig Ryder Memorial 5K Walk/Run* at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at Onondaga Lake Park. The event is being held in memory of Craig Ryder, who died a year ago on September 26th at the age of 37 from cancer after a valiant four-year battle with the disease. He is survived by his wife, Heather, and two young daughters, Laura and Allison. Mr. Ryder was the associate director of the New York State Tobacco Control Program, where he was known for his initiatives to reduce smoking rates among adults and teens. The Ryder Memorial Walk/Run takes place during the annual conference of the New York State Department of Health Tobacco Control Partners at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway from Tuesday, September 19 through Thursday, September 21, 2006.

Individuals interested in participating in the event can register on-site at Willow Bay in Onondaga Lake Park. There is a \$15 fee for those who register on the day of the race. All proceeds benefit the Laura and Allison Ryder Education Fund. For additional information, please contact Elizabeth Toomey at Prevention Network by calling (315) 471-1359.

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