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**STE. MARIE FUN/RUN HAS A CROWD**

The 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Sainte Marie Foundation on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, has 88 people signed up, according to Fun/Run chairperson, Annette Hahn Kirts.

“We were hoping for a large group, but this turnout has exceeded our expectations” said Kirts. The event will start at 8 a.m. (check in by 7:30 a.m. at Village Hall). The Hideout Restaurant will be open for coffee and a breakfast of bisquits and gravy from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Registration fee is \$10. Call Kirts for further information 618-455-3403

The Fun/Run kicks off the Hometown Celebration event which will run from noon to 4 at Village Hall, with an open house at the Foundation House from 4 – 6 p.m.

A country buffet lunch at the Hideout Restaurant starts at 11:30 a.m. (\$10 adults; \$5 children if reserved by Sept.1; otherwise \$12 and \$6 at door). Afternoon activities include art exhibits by former Ste. Marie residents, a non-motorized parade at 2 p.m., horse and wagon rides, children’s games and music.

The Foundation invites all present and former Ste. Marie residents, their families and friends to join us for this gala event.

The Sainte Marie Foundation is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ste. Marie. The Foundation has IRS 501(c)(3) status, making all contributions tax-deductible. For further information, call 618-455-3227.