

NORTH BETHESDA ROTARY LAUNCHES 2020 “COVID CHALLENGE”

By Kevin Flynn, Covid Challenge Race Director

The North Bethesda Rotary Club is sponsoring its largest fundraiser in years—a virtual exercise event to benefit local medical clinics in Montgomery County. The North Bethesda Rotary Covid Challenge, which is running through the month of September 2020, is designed to encourage people to exercise and, at the same time, help raise funds for several outstanding charities focused on healthcare for low income residents.

Participants are invited to register online, set goals, and record progress along with friends and families without participating in a large gathering. Participants can record steps, share bike tours, and record runs as part of the challenge. The club and its partners will be supporting participants all the way with updates, stories, and friendly competition.

Club President Carmela Carr proposed the idea earlier this year, as the

pandemic was sweeping across Maryland and shutting down traditional meetings and fundraising events. The club board enthusiastically endorsed the idea, and formed a special fundraising committee to develop the concept. The committee decided to focus on health care in Montgomery County, and to work with local clinics.

After a good deal of research, the club decided to partner with two medical clinics in Montgomery County, Maryland, that offer outstanding services to the community. Mercy Health Clinic (MHC) serves uninsured, low-income adult residents of Montgomery County and is committed to providing high quality medical care, health education and pharmaceuticals to eligible patients free of charge. Mercy Health is a non-sectarian, non-profit, community health clinic. The mission of Mobile Medical Care (MobileMed) in Rockville is to improve the health of low-income people who face the greatest barriers to care access. Both charities have

been heavily involved in the Covid-19 pandemic and are in need of support.

In addition to the two great medical clinics, the event will support the Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda, which has provided educational opportunities and other funds for more than 30 years for needy students in Montgomery County.

Rotarians interested in joining the North Bethesda Rotary Covid Challenge can find registration information at the club website, <https://www.nbrotary.org>

The event website is at this link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/AnyCityAnyState/NorthBethesdaRotaryCovidChallenge>

Registration for the event is \$25. All participants and donors will receive a custom face mask for the event.

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