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Marie Kerr Park/Palmdale Amphitheater to Host Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk, Pet Adoption/Food Drive This Saturday

PALMDALE – Marie Kerr Park and the Palmdale Amphitheater, located at 2723 W. Rancho Vista Blvd., will be bustling with activity this Saturday with two for two fun events for good causes.

Kicking things off will be the third annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K noncompetitive walk. Registration begins at 7 am. An opening ceremony will be held at 7:45, and the walk will start at 8 am.

“The event will take place rain or shine, so be sure to check the weather forecast and dress appropriately,” said Palmdale’s Recreation Supervisor Annie M. Pagliaro. “The walk is not a race, and walkers do not need to complete the entire walk if unable. Upon finishing the walk, the grass area will be open for entertainment, refreshments and snacks.”

A merchandise tent will be open beginning at 7 am, stocked with some great Making Strides apparel, a limited number of event T-shirts and other items.

The walk is being held in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The American Cancer Society is inviting the Antelope Valley community to join hundreds of walkers for the national crusade to raise awareness and funds to fight against breast cancer.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks are the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the nation, uniting nearly 300 communities with a shared determination to finish the fight.

Breast cancer remains the number one public health concern facing women today and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk has changed the face of breast cancer in communities nationwide by funding cutting edge research, advocating for all women to have access to mammograms and treatments, and providing free local educational programs and supportive services.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society or how to form a team for the event, www.MakingStridesWalk.org/AntelopeValley, or contact Marissa Toth at 951/300-1208 or by email at AntelopeValleyCAStrides@cancer.org.

Then from 9 am to noon at Marie Kerr Park, there will be a Free Adoption Fair and Pet Food Drive hosted by Assemblyman Tom Lackey. Many great pets in need of a good home will be available for adoption. A collection for donated canned pet food to help local shelters will also be part of the event.

For more information about the Free Adoption Fair and Pet Food Drive, please call 661/267-7636.