Welcome to the Ohio Chapter of the Star Legacy Foundation.

It’s almost here! Lydie’s Loop: Steps Against Stillbirth!

On your mark, get set...

Sixteen teams are participating in Lydie’s Loops: Steps Against Stillbirth on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Ohio Chapter Chair Heather Johnston Welliver and her husband, Justin Welliver, have been working tirelessly on the second annual 5K and 1-mile walk, which features an incredible array of raffle prizes and silent auction items. So far, they’ve raised $14,000, and they hope to top last year’s total of $20,000, to benefit stillbirth research, education and awareness.

The event honors 51 babies and gives baby loss moms and dads a chance to celebrate their children and support each other.

Here’s the schedule for Saturday.

Registration: 8:45-9:30 am
Raffle ticket sales begin: 8:45 am
Silent auction begins: 8:45 am
Welcome: 9:30 am
Kids’ dash: 9:45 am
5k/1 mile start: 10:00 am
Silent Auction ends, winners announced: 10:30 am
Raffle drawings: 10:45 am
After party at 101 Beer Kitchen in Gahanna: 11:00 am

Forgot to sign up? No worries. Find more information online at www.lydiesloop.org, or you can register Saturday morning.

**Lydie’s Loop in the news**

This Week’s News newspaper wrote a lovely story about Lydie’s Loop. See the story

**The backstory on the Ohio chapter**

Heather and Justin Welliver, whose daughter Lydia Joanne was stillborn in November 2014, started the Ohio Chapter in January to support families throughout the state.

The board members are:

- Heather Johnston Welliver, chair
- Sabrina Cali, event chair
- Kati Smith, Northeast Ohio representative
- Justin Welliver, secretary
- Kelli Stewart, family support chair

**Birth certificates**

If you would like a free commemorative birth certificate for your stillborn son or daughter, you may request one through the Ohio office of vital statistics. Just fill out this form.

**Stillbirth in the news**

_A few stories from around the world:_

‘Her passing couldn’t be the end of the story.’ Mother turns her pain into campaign: Modesto Bee

Lichfield dad of stillborn baby boy nominated for inspiration award: Birmingham (U.K.) Mail

‘We consider ourselves parents:’ Reflecting on a stillborn daughter, 11 years on: ABC News (Australia)

Stillbirth matters: Research is key to mitigating risk: Irish Examiner

Researchers at Hunter Medical Research Institute in Australia found that many stillbirths are triggered by a deteriorating placenta: Popsugar.com