

Kidney Donor Running Three Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend Races at Disneyland Resort

South Carolina runner donated kidney weeks before race; Event weekend one of two Star Wars-themed runDisney events this year; Compelling local human-interest stories, runner interviews and visual live shot opportunities available

WHAT: The Force is awakening as more than **30,000 runners** from across the United States and 28 countries unite for the second annual **Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend at the Disneyland Resort**

STORYLINES:

•Beth Waller of Lexington, S.C., who registered early to run the 5K, 10K and half marathon **put her plans on hold** when she found out her high school friend needed a kidney. **In December 2015, she gave the gift of life** and donated one of her kidneys. **Waller was just recently given the green light to run by her doctors and will be running** the 5K with her 8-year-old twins, and then the 10K and half marathon to complete the Star Wars Rebel Challenge and take home three finisher medals.

•**US Marine Corpsman Chris Murphy of Escondido, Calif.**, was told by doctors that he could never run again after injuring his knees while in the military. Yet Murphy will defy the odds again **by running his fifth runDisney half marathon** while dressed in a Marine Corps kilt and carrying a large American flag.

WHEN: Thursday-Sunday (Jan. 14-17, 2016)

[Star Wars Half Marathon](#)

Jan. 17, 5:30 a.m. PST

[Star Wars 10K](#)

Jan. 16, 5:30 a.m. PST

[runDisney Health & Fitness Ex](#)

Disneyland Hotel Exhibit Hall

Jan. 14, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. PST

[Star Wars 5K](#)

Jan. 15, 5:30 a.m. PST

[runDisney Kids Races](#)

Jan. 16, 9 a.m. PST

Jan. 15, noon – 8 p.m. PST

Jan. 16, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. PST

***Media must be on location no later than 4 a.m. for live coverage of the start and finish lines for all races. Please exit I-5 on Katella Avenue and proceed west. Turn right on Walnut Street and right on Magic Way. Disney PR will escort television live trucks to the start line located on Disneyland Drive. All other media may park in the parking garage.**