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**Community Peace Sponsors Provide Free Registrations for IMPD Officers**

*Local peace education non-profit provides free registration for IMPD officers to participate in the Mustached Turtle Dash on 9/27 at Eagle Creek Park*

**Indianapolis, IN** – To demonstrate appreciation for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's (IMPD) service to the community, Peace Learning Center (PLC) has secured two "Community Peace Sponsors" to provide 25 free registrations for IMPD officers to participate in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mustached Turtle Dash 5k run/walk, 10k, and 15k run on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 8:30 am in Eagle Creek Park.

Georgetown Market, also the Recovery Station sponsor for the annual fundraising event, will provide support to enable 10 IMPD officers to participate while PLC board member Lisa Hull will cover the cost for 15 additional officers. IMPD officers interested in participating should email Stacy Robinson at [srobinson@peacelearningcenter.org](mailto:srobinson@peacelearningcenter.org) to register.

According to Tim Nation, PLC's executive director and co-founder, *"Violence can rob a community of its people, resources, and soul. At Peace Learning Center, we have a long history of partnering with local schools and the IMPD to prevent violence through direct education of local children, youth, and families. The IMPD is part of our violence prevention team in this community and we wanted to help do something, albeit a very small thing, to show our support for the officers who strive to protect and serve all of us."*

Registration prices range from \$10 for children ages 12 and younger to \$40 for a 15k run with timing chip and t-shirt. The winners in each category, which includes categories for best turtle costume and best mustache, will receive a \$50 zip lining gift certificate courtesy of Go Ape! Treetop Adventures and a medal provided by Concept Prints. Planet Adventure will coordinate the run/walk with staggered starts beginning at 8:30 am. The course will wind through the beautiful woods of Eagle Creek Park using secondary roads. Entry into the park is \$6 per vehicle.

More information and registration details are available online:  
[www.peacelearningcenter.org/mustachedturtle](http://www.peacelearningcenter.org/mustachedturtle)

This year's event will include unique activities for all ages:

- Tiny Turtles play activities including face painting and "turtle" racing
- Massages courtesy of Harrison College
- Recovery drinks and snacks provided by Georgetown Market
- Recovery yoga
- Zumba with **Ms. D Hutchins**
- New to this year's event is a non-competitive Family Fun Run with reduced prices for children and youth.

and many other fun activities to find peace and celebrate peaceful living!

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All proceeds from the event will help Peace Learning Center continue its work to teach local children and youth how to make more peaceful choices in their own lives. The Mustached Turtle event was named in honor Ajahn Cahn, an ascetic monk and teacher of wisdom from Thailand, who once said, “Looking for peace is like looking for a turtle with a mustache, you won’t be able to find it. But when your heart is ready, peace will come looking for you.” Peace Learning Center’s programs are designed to help people find the peace within so they can share it with the world around them.

Peace Learning Center (PLC) is an Indianapolis-based non-profit that has impacted the lives of more than 175,000 people locally and internationally since it first began in 1997. Its mission is to educate, inspire and empower people to live peacefully. As a community educational institution, PLC promotes healthy learning, workplace and community environments by establishing safe and common ways to address differences and teaches processes to help build community and healthy communication for youth, parents, adults, and professionals.

This year’s Mustached Turtle Dash is sponsored by TLS Custom Furniture, Nuvo, Indy Parks, Avery Preddy, Liberty Mutual Agent, and State Representative Cherrish Pryor.