



Dear friends and family,

I am writing you today about my participation in the Forrest Spence Fund's annual 5K race. The Forrest Spence Fund was started in 2007 by the parents of Forrest Spence, who lived only 55 days while fighting for his life at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. During Forrest's short life, the Spence family became well acquainted with the countless non-medical needs that go unmet in families dealing with pediatric illness and loss. They launched the Fund in memory of their brave infant son as a way to give back to the community, and to the hospital staff who worked tirelessly for him.

The Forrest Spence Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to meet the non-medical needs of families with critically or chronically ill children in the Mid-South region. They provide individualized care for families such as personal financial family grants, necessary non-medical equipment, emotional support, professional counseling, and weekly meals for hospitalized families. The Fund also supports area hospitals by providing non-medical equipment and implementing staff appreciation programs.

The mission of the Forrest Spence Fund is one that I support and believe in whole-heartedly. I have seen the difference it makes in the lives of struggling families, and that is why I have registered to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Forrest Spence Fund 5K presented by Hobson Realtors on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Memphis Botanic Gardens. I am running for a reason, and need your help to reach my personal fundraising goal of \_\_\_\_\_. Will you help me support the Forrest Spence Fund by making a donation?

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

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To learn more about the Forrest Spence Fund please visit their website at [www.forrestspencefund.org](http://www.forrestspencefund.org) and find their race webpage where you can donate to my fundraising team at <https://forrestspence5k.racesonline.com>. My team name is \_\_\_\_\_.