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**RUN TO BE A HERO! ON OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

On Saturday morning, October 22, 2011, the Branson Airport will host a 5k run/walk to benefit C.A.P.E. Foundation, Inc. – a non-profit corporation that helps provide counseling to child abuse victims and their families. Visit [capefoundationinc.org](http://capefoundationinc.org) to download a 5k registration form or to sign up to be a sponsor of the event.

The run/walk starts at 8 a.m., with registration beginning at 7 a.m. “This is a very unique 5k event, because the Branson Airport is shutting-down its runway in order to run this race entirely on the tarmac and runway of the airport,” says Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Merrell, a C.A.P.E. volunteer. “It is sure to be the flattest, fastest 5k course in our region. There is no other event like it in our area.”

Proceeds from this 5k will be used to fund counseling sessions for families who cannot otherwise afford them. “In the criminal justice system, we all see many children harmed by abuse. The families of these children are often unable to afford the long-term therapy required to meet the children’s needs. C.A.P.E. Foundation is designed to help fund counseling that can assist in the healing process for these children and their families,” says Merrell. “Additionally, there may be hurdles, such as transportation, that may prevent a family from getting a child to counseling. C.A.P.E. Foundation can assist with that, as well.”

C.A.P.E. Foundation is a Missouri non-profit corporation formed in the fall of 2010, and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. C.A.P.E. is an acronym for Child Abuse Prevention and Elimination – the ultimate goal of C.A.P.E. Foundation, Inc. You may find a link for C.A.P.E. Foundation, Inc., at [taneycountyprosecutor.com](http://taneycountyprosecutor.com).

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