

Trial Run 5K Run/Walk Benefits Chester County Division of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania

West Chester, Pa. — Saturday, June 20, 2009, marked the 5th Annual Trial Run 5K Run/Walk to benefit Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP), Chester County Division. Over 150 runners and walkers participate, a 25 percent increase over 2008. The Trial Run featured a team competition for Chester County-based businesses and law firms, with a cash prize of \$200 awarded to the overall first place male and female finishers.

Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone presented a citation to the Trial Run Committee in recognition of five years of service to the community. The citation was accepted on the steps of the historic Chester County Courthouse by the committee Co-chairs, Tony Verwey of the Chester County Law Firm of Unruh Turner Burke & Frees and Christine Zaccarelli, staff attorney with Legal Aid. The citation commended the event's organizers and supporters for helping to sustain LASP. Since the race's inception in 2004, over \$56,000 in proceeds have been contributed to LASP, and it is anticipated that by the end of this year's race over \$72,000 in total will have been raised to aid LASP in its mission to provide quality legal representation to low-income people, to empower them to solve problems without legal representation through legal education and increased access to the courts, and to change community practices and systems that cause or aggravate poverty.

For more information on LASP and the run, visit <http://www.lasp.org/>.