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Free games, demonstrations and more at Harvest Fest 5k Run for Orphans kicks off festivities

Ravena, N.Y. – Free family fun will be available on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 at the third annual Harvest Fest hosted by Hope Full Life Center, Inc. and Abounding Love Christian Fellowship. The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine in Faith Plaza (where Shop n Save and CVS are located).

Kids will enjoy jumping in a bounce house, taking a hayride, making a caramel apple, swimming in a corn tub, crawling through a box maze and much more. New games are in the works for this year's event and there will be plenty of participation by other local charities plus artisans who will be selling their wares. Concessions will be available with proceeds benefiting the Ravena Fire Department and Helping Harvest, Hope Full Life Center's food assistance program for the needy located in the plaza.

A special appearance by people dressed as everyone's favorite ice princess and her snowman friend will take place at noon. The Ravena Fire Department, Kanreikai Karate and Dean Davis, the Reptile Guy, will also wow crowds with demonstrations.

Complementing the Harvest Fest will be a 5k run hosted by Justice for Orphans, a local adoption and foster care resource. Learn more and register at justicefororphansny.org. Sound of Life, a listener supported Christian radio station, will host a live remote at the Run for Orphans and Harvest Fest.

Harvest Fest is free, but attendees are encouraged to participate in a \$1 raffle to win gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses. The raffle proceeds will also benefit Helping Harvest.

The festival is generously supported by <u>Boehm Farm</u>, <u>Crossroads Ford</u>, <u>Crystal Clear Finances</u>, <u>Empire Alliance Auto & Detailing</u>, <u>Ravena Auto Supply/NAPA</u>, <u>National Bank of Coxsackie</u>, <u>Shop n Save</u>, Universal Car Wash and other local businesses. More information and directions can be found at <u>HopeFullLifeCenter.org</u> or <u>aboundinglove.net</u>. Updates will be available on Facebook.

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About Hope Full Life Center, Inc.

A not-for-profit corporation, Hope Full Life Center helps the needy in our community and around the world through Helping Harvest, a food assistance program; Gracefully Chic Boutique, a gently used clothing shop; Peace of Home, which sells affordable furniture and home décor; and Cross Culture Market, an international program that fights poverty around the world (<u>crossculturemarket.org</u>). Learn more about Hope Full Life Center and its programs at <u>HopeFullLifeCenter.org</u>.

About Abounding Love Christian Fellowship

A church located in Faith Plaza, Abounding Love Christian Fellowship loves God and wants to serve Him. The parent organization of Hope Full Life Center, Abounding Love is an active part of Ravena's community. The church hosts worship Sunday's at 10 a.m., Tuesday night life studies (7 p.m.) and Thursday night prayer (7 p.m.). Abounding Love Christian Fellowship also provides a Healing Center, a place for prayer and healing for the community. Learn more at aboundinglove.net.

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