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**30 YEARS AND RUNNING: FRANKLIN CLASSIC
CELEBRATES THREE DECADES**
Mercy Children's Clinic announces winning T-shirt design

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – June 24, 2007 – Mercy Children's Clinic is gearing up for the 30th Annual Franklin Classic by unveiling this year's T-shirt design created by Brentwood Academy student Michael Coltharp.

Coltharp is one of 12 students from Debbie Dunn's Art III Class that participated in the design contest. Before selecting the final art, the designs were narrowed down to four. The three finalists were Kymberly Doyle, Christina Rosco and Hannah Santi. Doyle's design was selected for the Kids Kilometer T-shirt.

"Our class was happy to participate in the contest for the creative aspect and because it served as an excellent opportunity to expose the students to the good work that Mercy Children's Clinic does each day. This art with a purpose project taught the kids that they can use their artistic talents to serve our community," said Dunn.

The 30th Annual Franklin Classic will be held on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 1, 2008 in Historic Downtown Franklin.

As Middle Tennessee's oldest-running race, the Franklin Classic is a 10K and 5K certified and ChampionChip timed road race, a 4K Walk through scenic Historic Franklin and a 1K Kids Fun Run. Including runners, walkers and cheering crowds, more than 6,000 individuals participated in last year's Classic.

And with live music and a Kids Zone, families have many options to participate in fitness and fun. To register, review route maps and learn more about the event, visit www.FranklinClassic.org.

About Mercy Children's Clinic

Mercy Children's Clinic is a Franklin-based non-profit organization providing primary pediatric healthcare to children from all socio-economic backgrounds including children without health insurance or enrolled in TennCare. Since 1999 more than 7,500 children from 24 Middle Tennessee counties have called Mercy Children's Clinic their medical home. For additional information visit www.MercyChildrensClinic.org or call 615.790.0567.

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