**PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL BRADLEY R. SMITH MEMORIAL 5K RUN/WALK**

**JULY 16, 2018, TROY, IL** – The 9th annual Bradley R Smith Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk has been set for September 8th, 2018. The run will be held at the Troy Tri-Township Park, located at 409 Collinsville Road in Troy, Illinois, at Pavilion 10 and will begin at 8:00 am.

 This 5K run/walk event is to honor a local fallen hero, Senior Airman Bradley R. Smith, of Troy, Illinois who served in the United States Air Force from 2006 until making the ultimate sacrifice for his country in Afghanistan 2010. This 5K run/walk raises money for the Bradley R Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, to honor Airman Smith’s legacy; throughout the history of the 5k run/walk, over $225,000 in scholarships have been awarded to area students in memory of Bradley Smith.

 The Bradley R. Smith Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk is open to all ages and registration is open now! Registration fee is $30 before August 20th, 2018 and $35 on race day. T-shirts are included in the registration fee but are not guaranteed for those registering after August 20th. Registration the day of the event will begin at 7:00 am. This year’s race will include chip timing to help ensure an honorable and precise race. This chip addresses several weaknesses that often occur that cause races to be unfair.

 For more information on the race or to register, please visit [www.runforbrad.org](http://www.runforbrad.org).

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