

Council for Life sets first run Saturday

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The **Council For Life** will hold its first 5K Take Steps for Life Family Fun Run on Saturday at Reverchon Park/Katy Trail.

The event will benefit the **Gladney Center for Adoption's** Next Step program, which helps birth mothers with the transition back into the "real world" by arming them with knowledge, education, practical tools and confidence, said Council for Life spokeswoman **Fiona Richards**.

The event is designed for the whole family and includes an after-party with live music performed by **Radiant. Paige McCoy Smith** of **WFAA-TV's** *Good Morning Texas* will be the mistress of ceremonies.

The fee is \$25 per person or \$10 per person for teams of 10 or more. Call 214-632-5813.

Registration is available at www.councilforlife.org, and onsite registration begins at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Major supporters include **Gold's Gym, Grand Bank, Lincoln Property Co., Business Express Printing, Luke's Locker, Friends of Katy Trail** and **Gary Mars Automotive**.

The Council for Life was founded in 2001. Its first luncheon benefited a single pregnancy resource center. In 2003, the board decided to expand its mission to address the complex issues of crisis pregnancies in the greater Dallas area.

It still helps fund local pregnancy resource centers and now also supports teen abstinence programs, STD education and testing, adoption agencies, maternity homes and a television campaign aimed toward young women in crisis pregnancies.

The council has donated more than \$1.25 million to agencies that help empower women to make life-affirming choices.

For more information about Council for Life, visit www.councilforlife.org or for more information about the Gladney Center for Adoption, visit gladney.org.