



CANTERBURY PARK

1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

Canterbury Park's Fillies Race For Hope Benefits Local Non-Profits

Racetrack teams with Hope Chest for Breast Cancer and Pay It Forward Fund to help those impacted by breast cancer

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Shakopee, MN -- The second annual Fillies Race for Hope, a day of horse racing and fundraising to benefit Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Foundation and Pay It Forward Fund, will be held Saturday, August 4 at Canterbury Park. The first of ten races, each exclusively for fillies and mares, begins at 1:30 pm. This day of horses and hope, presented by MHC Companies, includes four stakes races with the feature being the \$100,000 Lady Canterbury Stakes.

“Canterbury Park’s employees and horse organizations are again pleased to host Fillies Race for Hope,” Canterbury Park President Randy Sampson said. “The inaugural event was very successful. We expect that the day will be even bigger this year. Canterbury Park has always given to the community but a day like this allows our fans, sponsors, and horsemen, who have been extremely generous, to get involved for a very deserving cause. We are happy to be working with two great partners in Hope Chest For Breast Cancer Foundation and Pay it Forward Fund.”

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The day's events will include a Survivors' Parade on the racetrack where several hundred breast cancer survivors and their families will be honored. Local companies have contributed more than 100 items for a silent auction that will be held throughout the day. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available including Pink Partner reserved tables. More information can be found at www.filliesraceforhope.org.

"We encourage everyone to dress in pink to show their support on this special day of racing and hope," Sampson said.

General admission is \$5. Children under 18 are admitted free. Parking is also free. Information about the Shakopee track is available at www.canterburypark.com.

Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Foundation helps financially distressed individuals and their families who have been touched by breast cancer. Since 2001, Hope Chest has provided over \$1,000,000 in support for more than 2,000 breast cancer patients and their families in the Twin Cities area. Hope Chest offers emergency assistance programs to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, transportation and delivered meals to families.

Pay It Forward Fund, a program of North Memorial Foundation, helps patients pay their bills while they undergo treatment for breast and women's cancers. They pay essential living expenses so patients can focus on what's really important - getting well. Pay It Forward Fund was founded in 2005 by a breast cancer survivor. They provide \$20,000 each month in patient assistance to help patients buy groceries, pay their mortgages, heat their homes, keep their lights and water on, and repair their cars so they can drive to chemo. For hundreds of women in need, these gifts have made a difference at a time of crisis.

Stakes races run on August 4:

\$100,000 Lady Canterbury Stakes – one mile on the turf for fillies and mares

\$50,000 Hoist Her Flag Stakes – six furlongs on the main track for fillies and mares

\$50,000 Princess Elaine Stakes - 1 and 1/16 miles on the turf for Minnesota-bred fillies and mares

\$25,000 added Fillies & Mares Race For Hope Bonus Challenge – 400 yards for quarter horse fillies and mares

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