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(March 4, 2009, Durham, NH) Organizers are proud to announce the inaugural Bobcat Bolt 5K/10K and Oyster River Festival on May 9th, 2009, presented by **Gault Builders**.

The Bobcat Bolt and the Oyster River Festival are part of the larger goal to bring the community together to celebrate with live music, sport, food and positive reinforcement.

The Bobcat Bolt, is a USA Track & Field sanctioned and certified event, is held to benefit The Oyster River Youth Initiative in honor of Durham, New Hampshire brothers, Joshua and Nathan Hardy.

Starting from Oyster River High School, The Bobcat Bolt features a 5K and 10K course for runners and walkers. Prizes will be awarded to men and women in both distances. Registration is \$35 and can be completed online at www.bobcatbolt.com.

The 'Bolt' is presented by **Gault Builders** and is sponsored in part by **Timberline Signs**. More information about sponsorships and tax-deductible donations are also available online at the website.

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About the Oyster River Youth Initiative:

The Oyster River Youth Initiative is designed to expand support and resources for teens in our community through a variety of programs and opportunities. One goal is to provide a welcoming, dynamic, youth-oriented facility that is available after school for those who are not already engaged in other extra-curricular, work or internship commitments. Currently, plans are underway to create a youth center for after-hours recreation, relaxation and connecting over good food and great music. The Center will be available to teens with the hope of also providing a weekend venue for music, entertainment and the arts. Additionally, the goal of the Initiative is to provide mentoring opportunities with area youth in order to provide greater academic support, volunteer service opportunities, and expanded cultural opportunities.

For further information about the Oyster River Youth Initiative please contact The Rev. Dr. Mary Westfall, P.O. Box 310 Durham, NH 03824, 603/8681230
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About Josh and Nate:

Josh inspired all of those who witnessed his courage and attitude toward life. Joshua Hardy died in 1993 after a courageous 18-month battle with brain cancer. Josh was full of hope, art, humor and courage - and the cancer that cut his life short never succeeded in taking these great gifts of personality from him. Nor did the cancer ever stop him from inspiring these elements in his friends and family. Josh was a standout athlete on the soccer field at Oyster River, and although he was talented at traditional sports, he had a deeper passion for skateboarding and surfing. He was an artist in so many ways and his life continues to inspire and influence all of those who knew him.

Nate inspired untold thousands in a life dedicated to service to his country and his family. Special Warfare Operator Chief Petty Officer Nathan H. Hardy, was killed while conducting combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Feb. 4, 2008. Nate dreamed of becoming a Navy SEAL from a young age. Through his years on the soccer and lacrosse fields at Oyster River High School, he discovered and developed the fierce competitiveness and team-first mentality that would later serve him so well on his road to achieving that goal. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Navy and achieved his dream. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals, three Good Conduct medals, two National Defense medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, three Sea Service deployment awards, NATO Medal, Expert Rifle Medal and the Sharpshooter Pistol Medal. In 2005, while attending the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., Hardy married the love of his life, Mindi Buck. In 2007, Mindi gave birth to their son, Parker Hall.

Nate lived his dream both at work, where he served his country with extraordinary honor and superior bravery in the fight against terrorism, and at home, where he was a devoted husband and father.

These two brothers were the best of Durham's youth. And on May 9th, 2009 at 9am - we will run to remember and honor them. The proceeds from this day will be donated, in Josh and Nate's names, to The Oyster River Youth Initiative, to help improve the experience of the future youth of the area.

About the Bobcat Bolt sponsors:

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