



Press Release

Ottawa, Kansas Truck Manufacturer Hosts Annual 5K Walk/Run Benefitting ECKAN Christmas Bureau

Race Date: Saturday July 19, 2014 Register Today!

OTTAWA, KS – May 19, 2014. Known for its support of the community, Kalmar is hosting the **Christmas in July 2014 5k Walk/Run** to benefit the East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN) Christmas Bureau. The walk/run will benefit individuals and families who are in need of assistance during the Christmas holiday. Proceeds from the walk/run will help provide underprivileged families in the area with a Christmas meal or gifts.

Walk/Run Event organizer, Ashley Gelvin-Tracy said, “This is the kind of actions-speak-louder-than-words opportunity that sets Kalmar apart as a corporate citizen. It is a pleasure to work for such a community-minded company. Putting together a walk/run team is also a great way to build camaraderie among your coworkers.”

The annual 5K Walk/Run will take place at Kalmar’s manufacturing facility at 415 E. Dundee, with a start time of 8 a.m., on Saturday July 19, 2014. Walkers and runners may register for the event online at www.ottawatruckсна.com/resources-links/2014-5k-walkrun. Mail-in registrations and donations can be sent to: Kalmar Ottawa 5K Walk/Run, ATTN: Ashley Gelvin-Tracy, 415 E. Dundee St., Ottawa, KS 66067.

Registration deadline is June 27, 2014. Registered participants will receive an event T-shirt and post-race breakfast provided by Chris Cakes. Donations can be made online at www.eckan.org. Please make checks payable to Kalmar Ottawa 5K Walk/Run. Strollers are welcome, but must start behind runners/walkers. Water will be available throughout the event route. Walk-up registrations are also welcome.

The East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN), a community action agency, has been in existence since 1966 serving low-income persons in Anderson, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, Lyon, Miami, Morris and Osage Counties.

The success of ECKAN lies in the many services provided. These services include Community Food and Nutrition, FEMA, Head Start Program, Housing Choice Voucher Program, Housing Counseling and Rentals, Outreach and Referral, Community Volunteer Center and Weatherization Program.

ECKAN's vision is to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty in ECKAN's service area through individual and organizational dedication, collaboration, and innovation.

Kalmar is the world leader in the manufacture of terminal tractors offering the most comprehensive range of models for warehouse and distribution operations, ports and rail terminals. As terminal tractor pioneers, Kalmar was the first to offer machines with an automatic transmission, a rear door entry, integral air conditioning units, power cab tilt and ABS brake systems. Kalmar Ottawa terminal tractors were also the first on the market to receive DOT/EPA certification – a paramount classification for distribution and industrial customers whose operation entails shunting trailers between yards via public streets and roadways.

For additional information about registrations and sponsorships, please contact:

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