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***Hey Buffalo, Marty Biron Is Back!***

(BUFFALO, NY, April 26, 2007) – Ex-Buffalo Sabres Goalie Martin Biron and his wife Anne Marie are back in Buffalo to serve as the celebrity chairs for Heritage Centers 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Louis J. Billittier Memorial Run/Walk. The event will take place on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, starting at Chef’s Restaurant, located at 291 Seneca Street in Downtown Buffalo, **rain or shine**. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the run/walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Both local sports (Bills and Sabres) alumni and their mascots are expected to be on hand for the event, including Hall of Famer Joe DeLamielleure. Registration forms are available at all WNY Wegmans and Wendy’s, Chef’s Restaurant, online at [www.heritagecenters.org](http://www.heritagecenters.org) or by calling (716) 856-4202 ext. 228.

“Heritage Centers is a great organization that does so much for people with disabilities,” said Marty Biron. “My family and I are really excited to be back in Buffalo for this great event. We would like to encourage everyone to consider coming on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to join us.”

“Marty and Anne Marie are just incredible people,” said Heritage Centers Executive Director Michael Gross. “We are really fortunate to have a spokesman like Marty for our run/walk. He’s back in Buffalo and we would like to invite everyone in our great city to consider coming out this year to participate in this fun family event and to spend some time with Marty and his family.”

The run/walk will take participants from Chef’s, loop through the Erie Basin Marina and back to Chef’s for a large post-event party that they cater and host.

Prizes will be given to the top male and female entrants, as well as to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age group. Also featured at the party will be a sweepstakes drawing for prizes – like a 20” Flat Screen Color TV, an autographed Marty Biron jersey and a natural gas patio heater from National Fuel - as well as a large basket raffle – with an anticipated 60+ baskets in total to raffle off!

The minimum cost to register is \$25.00. The Louis J. Billittier Memorial Run/Walk is USA Track & Field sanctioned and certified. It is also in the South Buffalo Athletic ‘Runner of the Year’ series.

All proceeds from the Louis J. Billittier Memorial 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk will benefit the Heritage-Oak Foundation, which supports Heritage Centers and people with disabilities. Heritage Centers is a local non-profit that employs over 900 people and serves more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities each year. Individualized services include, but are not limited to: early intervention, education, residential, vocational, service coordination, legal and advocacy programming.

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