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## The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Over the River Run is around the Corner

### *A unique and very scenic 5-mile race across the Old Mississippi River Bridge*

**VICKSBURG, MS (September 15, 2021):** The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) is very excited to present the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Over the River Run. The Foundation along with many sponsors and volunteers present this very special community venture. This event welcomes hundreds to the City of Vicksburg and will serve as a wonderful family event. It will take place on **Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am** and begins at the Old Mississippi River Bridge located at I-20 and Washington Street.

This unique run follows a scenic course heading west across the Mississippi River to Delta, Louisiana and then returns back to the finish line. The event involves a 5-mile run, 5-mile walk and a one-mile fun run for kids. Complimentary musical entertainment, fun and refreshments for all runners, walkers and volunteers will follow the race in the Ameristar Delta Point parking lot.

Registration is open now. The entry fees are \$30 for the 5-mile race, \$15 for the 1-mile fun run, and \$125 Family pre-race registration (limit of 5) through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Late fees will apply to entries received after October 1<sup>st</sup>. **Register early to receive an OVER THE RIVER RUN T-SHIRT in a special goodie bag filled with specialty items from local sponsors.** Early registration is strongly encouraged to secure a place at the event. Entry forms and complete event details are available by visiting [www.southernculture.org/events/otr.htm](http://www.southernculture.org/events/otr.htm). Entry forms and fees can be dropped off at SCHF Business Office or mailed to SCHF, 1302 Adams Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180 or register online at [www.RaceRoster.com](http://www.RaceRoster.com). Race packet pick-up will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at the SCHF Auditorium (corner of Crawford and Cherry Streets) from 10:00am-6:00pm and also the morning of the race at the race site.

The run has acquired some **very** generous financial sponsors. The Platinum Sponsors are *Ergon, Ameristar Casino, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, International Paper*; Gold Sponsors are *Vollor Vollor & Herring* and *WaterView Casino & Hotel*; Silver Sponsors are *Guaranty Bank & Trust, McDonald's, Mutual Credit Union* and *Trustmark*; and Bronze Sponsors are *Curb Appeals Real Estate, Scott Robbins Physical Therapy, Keller Williams Realty/Julie Patton Johnson, New York Life/Stam Kline, The Vicksburg Post* and *Merit Health River Region*. Additional sponsors include *Coca-Cola, Budweiser, Visit Vicksburg, City of Vicksburg* and *Fleet Feet Sports*. Many volunteers are needed in many areas of the planning of the event.

The Over the River Run is an extremely important fundraiser for the SCHF and a very special community event. After expenses, proceeds from the race will go toward the rehabilitation of the Southern Cultural Heritage Center and the many maintenance issues of the five historic buildings of the Center.

For more information, please call the SCHF office at 601-631-2997 or email [info@southernculture.org](mailto:info@southernculture.org).

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The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization, maintains the Southern Cultural Heritage Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Center is a Mississippi Landmark property and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the most architecturally and historically significant city blocks in downtown Vicksburg, MS. The Foundation offers cultural, artistic and educational programs for the community and beyond.

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