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CranFest is Back

CranFest, the ever-popular community event that highlights cultural diversity, will return Saturday, May 7 to the Cranberry Township Municipal Center.

Cranberry's cultural and social diversity event was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the outdoor version in 2021 was scrapped due to inclement weather.

With a comeback of the popular indoor event, organizers are anticipating a celebration like no other.

"We are excited to bring our community together and put a spotlight on the amazing people from diverse cultures who are an integral part of CranFest," said Sonia Jaiswal, Director of the Cranberry Area Diversity Network.

Key attractions of the event, which began in 2014, include live dance and musical performances, informational booths, vendors, and authentic cuisine from various cultures. Sponsored by CADN and the Township, the event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road.

The 2022 edition of CranFest will also aim to help a member of the community in need.

A *Match for Jax* booth and donor drive will be stationed in the Senior Center during the event.

Jax is a Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Cyber Student who needs a bone marrow transplant. In October, he was diagnosed with IPEX, an autoimmune disease that attacks every organ in the body. This rare diagnosis impacts just one in every 1.6 million people.

Because Jax is of mixed heritage and has such rare genetics, there is currently not a match for him. The *Be the Match for Jax* campaign aims to find a donor that can help save Jax's life.

For more information, search social media for @bethematchforjax.

MEDIA ALERT: Media is invited to attend CranFest for colorful footage of live performances, cultural dance, and the culinary delight of authentic cuisine.