

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2014 5K FUN RUN - 1K WALK/RUN** AT THE UTOPIA CONSERVATION AREA



## About our Fun Run on Sunday August 10th

We love our communities of Essa Township and have been working hard to restore the only designated historical property in the Township, Bell's Gristmill. Located in the Utopia Conservation Area, the gristmill was once the hub of the community where the grain grown in the area was taken for milling. This is the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the gristmill's existence in Utopia, Essa Township.

The Utopia Conservation Area, home to the gristmill, is a beautiful naturalized parkland that is open to the public thanks to the stewardship of the *Friends of the Utopia Mill & Park* and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). Friends works hard all year long to raise enough funds to keep the parkland in the community as well as to restore the gristmill.

As part of our overall fundraising for the eventual restoration of Bell's Gristmill, we have created this Fun Run, scheduling it in the heart of the summer so that everyone can come out and experience the absolute beauty of the Utopia Conservation Area while at the same time helping to raise some monies for our cause.

And then the Tornado on June 17<sup>th</sup> of this year appeared and caused devastation in our community.

So ... our Fun Run on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> is now for both important causes.

We hope that you will come out and be part of our day.

Your help in getting pledges will do a lot. And all pledges of \$20 and more will get a charitable tax receipt.

You can designate which fund or how your pledges are to be split between the Essa Tornado Relief Fund and the Utopia Gristmill Restoration Fund. You can designate 100% to one or do a split between them (eg. 50:50; 90:10; 25:75, etc.).

Funds raised will be held in trust by the Township of Essa (for the Essa Tornado Relief Fund) and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (for the Utopia Gristmill Restoration Fund).

Come for the Fun, enjoy the Run and Let's Get it Done!