The **Meijer LPGA Classic 5k Run & Walk** will return for tournament week as an official 5k, giving running the opportunity to use their times to qualify for other **USA Track & Field (USATF)** events.

The course will be measured later this spring and sanctioned by the USATF to ensure every possible path of the course is at least 3.1 miles long.

"We recognize this community has numerous competitive runners, and we're pleased to align our 5k in a way that helps them in future races," said **Cathy Cooper, Executive Director of the Meijer LPGA Classic for** *Simply Give.* "But the great thing about our race is you don't have to be a professional athlete to take part in it. It's a great way to get the entire family involved in a healthy lifestyle all while helping feed those in need."

Registration for the run and walk that begins and ends at **Rockford High School** on June 15, 2019 is now open <u>online</u>.

It's once again part of tournament week held June 11-16 at **Blythefield Country Club**. The 2019 Meijer LPGA Classic will host a full field of 144 of the best women golfers for 72 holes of stroke play over four days of competition.

Proceeds will benefit the **Meijer** <u>Simply Give</u> program that restocks the shelves of food pantries across the Midwest. In total, the previous five tournaments have generated more than \$4.2 million for the Simply Give program.

For more information or to register for the 5k, please visit <u>www.meijerLPGAclassic.com</u>.

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