



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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Eat your way around the world by simply coming down to Peabody Square on September 20 between 11:30 - 5:30 p.m. The City of Peabody's 32nd Annual International Festival will feature cuisine that derives from regions across the globe.

With many event favorites returning for another year, the International Festival committee is also excited to be welcoming many new booths into the fold. A few of the new vendors this year include The Cannoli Cart, CrossFit Peabody, and Hoppy's BBQ. While food is a major staple of the event, there will also be continuous entertainment and a Kid's Day program.

Kid's Day will take place at the new East End Veterans Memorial Park from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. and includes ten different interactive shows and activities for children. Kids can sharpen their karate skills with Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts or catch the magic and puppets show by Steve Devitt. New Kid's Day programs for this year include Mary Beth Maes and Phunk Phenomenon Dance.

Festival season begins days before the actual event as community members gather to raise money for research and treatment options for children with progeria. The Progeria Research Foundation's 14th Annual International Race for Research takes place on Saturday September 12 at Leather City Commons. "The community support is so heartwarming", says PRF executive director Audrey Gordon. "I hope everyone in Peabody and the surrounding cities and towns can come experience the warmth and excitement everyone brings that morning."

The event is co-sponsored by North Shore Bank and includes a 5K road race and 2-mile fun walk. Check-in starts at 7:45 a.m. and the race kicks off at 9:00 a.m. Early registration (before 9/1) is \$20 for the run, \$15 for the walk and \$10 for children ages 3-10. To register online visit www.prfroadrace.org or call (978)-535-2594.