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**LOCAL CELEBRITIES TO HOST AND PERFORM AT
2nd Annual RACE4RESPECT™
PRESENTED BY
KOONS OF SILVER SPRING**

Bethesda, MD. - March 9, 2015 - Devenio, Inc., the newly formed non-profit, benefitting Down syndrome and other developmental disability groups, is thrilled to announce the second annual Race4Respect™ 5K & 1K Kids Dash presented by Koons of Silver Spring, MD will be held May 30, 2015.

“Every person with Down syndrome is a son or a daughter, granddaughter or grandson, an employee, a colleague, a classmate, a friend. The Race4Respect™ raises awareness for the treatment of individuals with Down syndrome with dignity and respect. Thanks to Koons of Silver Spring we are making significant progress in reaching our goal.” Said Gena Mitchell, President devenio.

The 5K and 1K Kids Dash will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 with Fox5 news anchor-reporter Holly Morris leading the expected 2000 participants. The Master of Ceremonies will be joined by sibling-sensations Davison Duo, a brother and sister Rock-band based in the Washington, DC area. Davis and Madison Gestiehr, will be singing and signing the National Anthem. Davis has performed at Washington Wizards, Washington Nationals, Baltimore Orioles, and University of Maryland games.

The mission for the Race4Respect™ is to empower, support and enrich the lives of those with Down syndrome living, working and contributing in our communities.

“We are pleased to partner with devenio to support the Race4Respect™.” Said Alex Perdikis, Managing Partner at Koons of Silver Spring. “At Koons of Silver Spring we recognize the value of every individual in our greater community, we are proud to partner with devenio. May 30th promises to be a great day and we cannot wait to help make a bigger difference for those affected by Down Syndrome and other disabilities.”

Located in the DC Metro area, devenio works with local and national disability groups to connect to their communities and inspire each other. Devenio encourages community building through partnerships that provide lifelong opportunities for people with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. By leveraging resources and working together, devenio aims to benefit both the Down syndrome community and the greater community at large.

The Race4Respect is organized by devenio in conjunction with eight Down syndrome affiliate groups from Baltimore, MD to Richmond, VA. They include the Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County, Down Syndrome Association of Northern

VA, F.R.I.E.N.D.S of Frederick County, Down Syndrome Association of Southern Maryland, Chesapeake Parent Down Syndrome Group, Parents of Down Syndrome of Prince George's County, DS Connection in Ann Arundel, MD and the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond.

Koons of Silver Spring, located in Silver Spring, MD; sells and services new Fords, Lincolns, Mazdas and has an extensive pre-owned operation. Koons of Silver Spring has over 120 employees and was selected as one of the "Best Places to Work" by Washington Business Journal in 2014, the 4th year in a row. Koons of Silver Spring was founded in 2010. Follow Alex Perdakis: @alex_perdakis ; Follow Koons of Silver Spring: @Koonsauto ; www.koonsofsilverspring.com

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