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Sharpstown Theatre's First Annual Virtual 5K

Sharpstown High School Theatre is hosting their first Virtual 5K, beginning the week of July 25, 2020. All proceeds will benefit the students thespians at Sharpstown High School. Sharpstown Theatre is an active International Thespian Society Troupe both on campus and around the community through service projects and advocacy programs including Houston's Adopt-A-Drain program, October Canned Food Drive, The Willow Waterhole Jazz Festival, and the Sharpstown Community 4th of July celebration. Registration for the Virtual 5K starts Wednesday June 17, 2020 and runs thru Wednesday July 1, 2020. Registration for the 5K is \$25 and it includes a 5K T-shirt. To register or to sponsor a student, visit our website www.tinyurl.com/sharpstownhightheatre

A Virtual 5K is a race that can be jogged,walked, or ran from any location such as a trail, road or treadmill. Sharpstown Theatre's Virtual 5K will help raise funds to support theatre students who are interested in participating and attending theatre-related events like The Virtual International Thespian Festival. Senior Sharpstown Theatre student Iris G. is one of the theatre students participating in the virtual college fair and auditions at The International Thespian Festival this summer. *"Theatre benefits my life by providing me with a second family. I want to participate in college auditions because it will give me the opportunity to put myself out into the world"*. Events like The Virtual 5K will ensure Iris can attend her college auditions without worrying about the financial burden. Opportunities like the virtual college auditions cost money and many students at Sharpstown struggle financially. Through community sponsors and donors, we can help raise funds that allow more students to participate in theatre events similar to the virtual college auditions which opens the doors to our students and changes their future.

The International Thespian Society (ITS) is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students located at more than 4,100 affiliated secondary schools across America, Canada, and abroad. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. High school inductees are known as "Thespians" and junior high/middle school inductees are known as "Junior Thespians." ITS is a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). ###

