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TUSTIN-BASED ACCOUNTING FIRM
PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN
37th ANNUAL
TEAM-BUILDING MARCH
IN THE GRAND CANYON, AZ

TUSTIN, CA, JULY 30, 2015 – HMWC CPAs & Business Advisors’ annual “Death March” hiking adventure was completed with great success, as this year’s 37th annual event in the Grand Canyon, Arizona, was the setting for partners, employees, family, friends and clients of HMWC. The accounting firm, located in Tustin, encourages this type of team-building event to help with the firm’s goals of creating a work environment that fosters trust, initiative, loyalty, work/life balance and mutual employer/employee success.

This annual event is held at different locations each year and involves an extensive, multi-day hiking and camping adventure in the wilderness. The 2015 edition of the event was attended by 19 firm members, family, clients and friends of HMWC, all of whom hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon for a two night stay at Phantom Ranch before hiking back out on July 13, 2015. Ages ranged from 16 to 72. The hike from the South Rim to Phantom Ranch on the Bright Angel Trail covered about 10 miles and a descent of over 4,300 feet.



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The “Death March” is so-named because of the physical rigors of the event. It was started in 1979 by Gerry Herter, former managing partner, who has attended all 37 Death March outings. According to Herter, the event is not only fun and physically challenging, but it helps bring everyone together on a more personal level. “With the intense demands placed on members of the accounting profession nowadays, the Death March provides an enjoyable opportunity for team building amidst some of the most spectacular scenery North America has to offer,” says Herter.



Previous Death March events have been held in such locations as the Glacier National Park, High Sierra, Yosemite, Kauai, Sequoia National Park, Rogue River, the Channel Islands and Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada.

(photos, top to bottom: hikers at Phantom Ranch, some of group along Clear Creek Trail, hiking along Bright Angel Trail)

About HMWC: For more than 45 years, HMWC CPAs & Business Advisors (www.hmwc CPA.com) has specialized in serving the financial and tax needs of privately held businesses and their owners throughout Southern California. The firm is one of Orange County’s top 15 accounting firms, as ranked by the Orange County Business Journal, and the largest in Tustin. HMWC CPAs & Business Advisors has been recognized by the Orange County Business Journal's “Best Places to Work” in Orange County for 2010-2012. The firm has also been named by the Tustin Chamber of Commerce as the "2012 Small Business of the Year."