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The Philadelphia Marathon Seeks Race Weekend Volunteers

Join the excitement and volunteer during the Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend

PHILADELPHIA (September 29, 2016) –The Philadelphia Marathon, a top ten nationally ranked marathon, is seeking volunteers this year to assist with its races and events. While an impressive amount of volunteers have already signed up, there are still opportunities available in key areas of Race Weekend.

The Philadelphia Marathon ranks in the top ten in the nation, with nearly 30,000 runners throughout the weekend and 60,000 spectators, and volunteers are a large part of creating the Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend experience. Race Weekend includes a series of fun, athletic and entertaining activities -- a two-day Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19; the Philadelphia Half Marathon, Rothman Institute 8K, and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, November 19; and the Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 20.

Volunteering provides the perfect opportunity to assist runners from every state and more than 40 countries, meet new people, fulfill high school or college community service requirements, and enjoy a day of race-watching in various neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. Groups, including friends, family, co-workers, schools, churches and community organizations, are encouraged to sign up together. Volunteers will also have a front row seat to the races while being an integral part of their success.

Volunteer race day opportunities include staffing the expo, providing award ceremony support, facilitating start and finish line operations, and more. Volunteers are also needed at the hydration stations located throughout the course, which is key to ensuring the well-being of all race participants.

Those interested in volunteering can register online <http://www.philadelphiamarathon.com/volunteers>. All volunteers will receive an official 2016 Philadelphia Marathon volunteer sweatshirt.

About the Philadelphia Marathon

The Philadelphia Marathon weekend, organized by the Office of the City Representative and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, welcomes nearly 30,000 runners, 60,000 spectators, and 3,000 volunteers each year. Race Weekend 2016 features the Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 20; the Half Marathon, Rothman Institute 8K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, November 19; and a free two-day Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Race participants pass many of Philadelphia's famous attractions on the swift and scenic USATF-certified course, which is a Boston qualifier. Take the first step to experiencing 26.2 miles of fun, beauty, history and excitement by registering at philadelphiamarathon.com.

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