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PHILADELPHIA MARATHON WANTS YOU!

Volunteers Needed for 18th Annual Race Weekend.

PHILADELPHIA (*October 21, 2011*) – Are you ready for the best time of your life? Philadelphia Marathon Race Organizers are seeking 3,000 volunteers to support the 18th annual Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend, November 18-20, 2011. Volunteers will be a part of the Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend experience, a high-profile world-class event that includes the Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19; the Rothman Institute 8K on Saturday, November 19; and the Philadelphia Marathon and Philadelphia Half Marathon on Sunday, November 20.

Volunteers will have a front row seat to the race. You will meet and help 27,000 participants who come to Philadelphia from every state in the nation and more than 40 countries for Race Weekend. Volunteering provides an opportunity to assist the community, meet other people and enjoy a day of race-watching in many historic Philadelphia neighborhoods. Sign up with friends, family, co-workers, schools, churches and community organizations. Work together and have fun while supporting this exciting event.

"I've been volunteering at the Philadelphia Marathon for the past eight years with my running club, the Wissahickon Wanderers, and it is always a lot of fun," said Dan Gordon, volunteer at the Philadelphia Marathon. "We love cheering on the runners and helping them reach their goal. You feel like you're a part of the race!"

There is a role for everyone! Volunteer opportunities include course marshals who give directions to runners and spectators, and hydration station workers who fill, distribute and clean up refreshment cups at each station along the route to keep the athletes hydrated while running. Volunteers are also needed to set up and distribute medals, Heatsheets and post-race refreshments to finishers. In the days prior to the races, volunteers are needed to assist with pre-race activities including packet stuffing, registration, and staffing the Health & Fitness Expo. If you have a strong work ethic and an interest in having fun, then volunteering at Race Weekend is perfect for you. Plus, all volunteers will receive an official 2011 Philadelphia Marathon volunteer sweatshirt.

This year, there is an opportunity to join the Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Sustainability and the Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service's Waste Watchers team, which is partnering with the Philadelphia Marathon to send less waste to landfills. The Waste Watchers team will help spectators and participants sort their trash, recycling, and compost into the right containers, keeping the streets of Philadelphia clean and welcoming, and reducing the amount of trash the races send to the landfill.

If interested, please contact the race's volunteer coordinator, Katie Morrison at Katie.morrison@phila.gov, or register at www.philadelphiamarathon.com/register-to-volunteer.

The City of Philadelphia, Running's Best Host City, will welcome 27,000 registrants across all races and more than 60,000 spectators at the **2011 Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend**. In addition to the Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 20, Race Weekend features three other races – the Half Marathon also on Sunday, as well as the Rothman Institute 8K and the Arctic Ease Kids Fun Run on Saturday, November 19. Other activities to welcome runners and other participants, families, friends, spectators, businesses and residents include a free two-day Health & Fitness Expo; a free course map, Fan Pass complete with retail discounts and promotions, and more than 20 spectator cheer zones. 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 visiting www.philadelphiamarathon.com.



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