Subject: 2007 Jack's Fund Marathon Update



# **Marathon News**

STRENGTH. PASSION. FOCUS. Fighting Melanoma Every Step of the Way.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7, 2007, Jack's Marathon Team runs The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon

October 14, 2007, "This Run's For Jack" 5K Run/Walk – Registration Now Open Free 5K Training with Glen Ellyn Runners

## A Note from the President

**Dear Friends:** 

A marathon is classified as an extreme sport and the dedicated athletes that accept this challenge train from March to October through the cold spring rains, into the summer heat and often in constant pain.

Their training programs are consuming and test the runner for **strength** to endure the countless miles, for **passion** in life, and for **focus** to know they are making a difference. It is not an easy journey... but then again neither is the fight against cancer.

The parallel between the two is what motivates these athletes and why they deserve our support. Most are running for loved ones that have battled this disease... a constant reminder to never give up, no matter what you have been through.

We are three weeks away from the start of the 2007 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon and many of Jack's Team members are nearing the completion of their training (including the infamous 20 mile run), PLUS they have raised nearly \$30,000 for Jack's Fund. We are proud of them.







On Sunday morning, October 7, 40,000 runners will gather along Chicago's lakefront, included in that number will be 18 very special members from Jack's Team. The moment the starter gun sounds and the gates open, is incredibly emotional. Watching the runners cross the finish-line can be life changing.

Although the journey is almost complete and the finish line is in sight... the example of this team's strength, passion and focus will remain within our hearts forever.

Go Team! Sharon A. Marston

## Jack's Fund Rally Station at Old St. Patrick's Church

Join us again at the corner of Adams and Des Plaines to cheer for Jack's Marathon Team. This is the halfway point of the marathon, so the team will be looking for our support as they tackle the next 13 miles. Thank you to Old St Patrick's Church for their continued support and partnership with The Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund.

#### Donate to Jack's Marathon Team

Show your support to an individual runner or to the team as a whole. Click here <u>http://www.active.com/donate/jacksteam07</u> to connect to the team page to donate. You will also learn about each individual runner's goals. If you have already donated to support Jack's Team, thank you for your generosity.

## 2008 Boston and New York Marathons

#### Charity Runners are now being recruited!

Do you have the "SPF" it takes to participate on Jack's Team? We are looking for six dedicated athletes who want to take on the challenge of these prestigious marathons while raising funds for melanoma research and awareness. All entries are guaranteed and do not require a qualifying time. Click here for details <u>http://jacksfund.org/jmt\_wmm.htm</u>

## Introducing Jack's Marathon Team 2007

Chris Allen (Doylestown, PA)



WORLDMARATHONMAJORS







Sarah Fabiny (London, England) Mike Dahir (Overland Park, KS) Frank Danner (New Orleans, LA) Marty Faust (Orland Park, IL) Chris Fleming-Malawy (La Grange, IL) Kevin Flowers (Glen Ellyn, IL) Greg Forkins (Glen Ellyn, IL) Maureen Gaines (Glen Ellyn, IL) Andrew Gerbetz (Silver Lake, OH) Caryn Gray (Naperville IL) Carolyn Kavanaugh (Glen Ellyn, IL) Kimber Lucius (New Reigel, OH) Jennifer Marston (Glen Ellyn, IL) Stacey Norris (New Orleans, LA) Chase Purdom (Glen Ellyn, IL) Jeff Purdom (Glen Ellyn, IL) Paul Zumbrook (Glen Ellyn, IL)

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