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# AKRON MARATHON

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## 2017 Akron Marathon Official Program & Events Guide

Friday, September 22 & Saturday, September 23

**15 YEARS**  
& STILL RUNNING STRONG

Marathon  
Half Marathon | Team Relay  
Kids Fun Run



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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 15th running of the FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay and the final leg of the Akron Children's Hospital Akron Marathon Race Series! The Akron Marathon prides itself on our commitment to bringing world-class events to the city of Akron and are honored to be named one of the best mid-sized marathons in the country as well as one of the best organized by findmymarathon.com. This honor is extremely meaningful because it is based on runner reviews and entries from the running community. We sincerely thank you for choosing to #runAkron and it is truly our pleasure to provide unforgettable racing experiences for you!

Staying true to our mission we're proud to continue our partnership with Akron Children's Hospital as the title beneficiary of the race series. Last year, with your help, we raised over \$425,000 to benefit the children in our community and we are on pace to reach \$1 million through our partnership this year! Runners will once again be motivated by 13 Hero Zones along the race course featuring Akron Children's Hospital hero patients who will inspire runners, spectators and sponsors to do something super.

FirstEnergy returns as the presenting sponsor and will cheer on over 120 of their employees who are participating in the race at their Hero Zone dubbed the FirstEnergy Power Zone. Look for them shortly after the start and again at Mile 12.

The Blue Line course has been modified for the 15th edition and we are looking forward to some records and PRs. Here is a quick rundown of what to expect:

- Same great start and awesome finish at Canal Park Stadium!
- Miles 1-6 will travel the same course featuring the All-America Bridge, North Hill and back to downtown.
- Miles 6-12 will bring back Firestone Park as runners pass The University of Akron, travel Exchange & Brown Streets, Firestone Parkway and the NEW South Main Street as they make their way back downtown.
- Miles 13 through 26 will feature the popular West Akron neighborhoods chock full of Blue Line Block Parties and will wind its way back to downtown for our world-class finish at Canal Park Stadium. And don't forget our popular Finisher Festival on the field!

Runners can celebrate their accomplishment as each participant will receive quality Asics gear, an amazing finisher medal, and commemorative 15-year hat!

And the fun isn't just limited to Saturday! Friday's activities include the Health & Fitness Expo presented by Summa Health and SummaCare. Featuring more than 100 vendors at the John S. Knight Center, the Health & Fitness Expo is free to the entire community. Be sure to stop by to meet Kara Goucher, Olympic runner and three-time NCAA champion. That evening is the annual free Kids Fun Run presented by Signet Jewelers. Last year's event sold out and should be even bigger and better in 2017.

Whether you're one of the 12,000 participants, 2,000 volunteers or more than 100,000 spectators, we hope you enjoy the world-class experience that the Akron Marathon is known for. Of course, none of this would be possible without the assistance from the City of Akron and the Akron Police Department, as well as the generosity of all our wonderful sponsors.

Good luck to everyone and a warm Akron welcome to all our out-of-town guests!

Sincerely,

*The Akron Marathon Board of Trustees and Staff*

# AKRON MARATHON CHARITABLE CORPORATION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Akron Marathon is hosted by the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, an Ohio nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation.

The mission of the Akron Marathon is to provide a world-class marathon and other events that promote health and fitness, stimulate the local economy, galvanize the community and benefit charitable organizations.

## VISION STATEMENT

To create and manage dynamic, customer centric events and programs that deliver opportunities to promote active lifestyles for all abilities.





# Meet Our Heroes

We want to introduce you to patients from Akron Children's Hospital who have a unique story to tell. These children are our real-life superheroes, and we are proud to celebrate their victories.

These patient heroes will be highlighted in specially designated Hero Zone stretches of the 2017 FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay race course on September 23.

To learn more about each hero's journey, and for information about how you can support them and the hospital, visit [marathon.akronchildrens.org](http://marathon.akronchildrens.org).

## #ACHero



Fighting an illness  
takes courage,  
strength and  
hope – it takes  
a superhero.



**Josie**



**Sophia**

**Bella**



**Tanner**



**Ethan**



**Jack**



**Elizabeth**





# Matt Tullis

Official Race Starter

## Story Teller

Known in Real Life as:

**Matt Tullis**

Age: 41

Hometown:  
Sandy Hook, CT via  
Apple Creek, OH

### **Why Matt is an #ACHero:**

Matt was diagnosed with acute lymphoma leukemia (ALL) in 1991 and spent more than two years in treatment at Akron Children's. Now an accomplished writer and father of two, Matt is stronger for the journey and serves as an inspiration to those fighting the disease.



# Super E, Just Being Me

Known in Real Life as:

**Elise Bonsky**

Age: 6

Hometown: Copley, Ohio

## Why Elise is an #ACHero:

Sweet, fun-loving Elise follows a strict diet and medication plan, puts in endless hours of therapy and attends ongoing doctor visits all over the country to manage symptoms caused by Alexander disease. Even in the face of a non-curable disease, Elise's larger-than-life personality and perseverance offer hope and inspiration to those around her.

**Mile  
.1 & 12.5**

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# EVENT SPONSORS

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## Kids Fun Run & Corporate Cup Sponsor



## Media Sponsors



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## Finish Line Sponsors



## Hero Zone Sponsors

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- > Key Bank
- > Legacy Strategic Asset Management of Wells Fargo Advisors
- > Lifebanc, sponsored by Marcus Thomas
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- > Stark State College Akron
- > Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board
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- > Akron Children's Hospital Women's Board

## Elite Sponsors

- > Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
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- > Brouse McDowell LPA\*
- > Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- > Epic
- > Huntington Bank
- > Kenny Construction Company
- > Legacy Strategic Asset Management of Wells Fargo Advisors
- > Summit County\*

## Special Supporting Sponsors

- > Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau\*
- > Kastner Westman & Wilkins, LLC
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- > Roger Read Family Fund of Akron Community Foundations\*

## Fluid Station Sponsors

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- > FirstEnergy Young Professionals
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- > Grace Church - Bath Campus
- > MacTac
- > National Interstate Insurance
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- > SummaCare
- > The University of Akron Swim & Dive Team

## Mile/Kilometer Sponsors

- > Acme Fresh Market
- > Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
- > BodyArmor
- > Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund
- > Brouse McDowell
- > City of Akron
- > Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- > Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center
- > Epic
- > FedEx Custom Critical
- > FirstEnergy
- > Huntington Bank
- > Kenny Construction
- > Legacy Strategic Asset Management of Wells Fargo Advisors
- > Michelob Ultra
- > Papa John's Pizza
- > Summa Health
- > SummaCare
- > Summit County
- > Vertical Runner

## Official Sponsors

- > Akron Children's Museum
- > Akron Honey Company
- > Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
- > Applied Medical Technology
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- > Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust
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- > Downtown Akron Partnership
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- > JP Recovery Services
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- > Main Street Gourmet\*
- > Metro RTA\*
- > Murdough Family Foundation
- > Musson Charitable Foundation
- > National Interstate Insurance
- > Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition\*
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- > Proforma
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- > Charles E. & Mabel M. Ritchie Memorial Foundation
- > Summit I.T. Solutions\*
- > Summit ReWorks
- > Swenson's Drive In Restaurants
- > The Smithers Group
- > The VanDevere Bunch
- > Welty Family Foundation

# Elsa

Known in Real Life as:

**Abby Mogen**

Age: 6

Hometown: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

## Why Abby is an #ACHero:

With a playful smile and boundless energy, you'd never guess Abby's undergone several surgeries and hours of therapy to correct her cleft lip and palate. She knows her bright smile is the perfect accessory for any occasion or outfit — from going to school to playing dress-up in her vast selection of princess dresses.



**Mile  
4.85**  
OLIVE ST.  
WATERS PARK

Hero Sponsor

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LIFE** **Lifebanc**  
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Marcus Thomas

# Super Jos

Known in Real Life as:

**Josie Greco**

Age: 9

Hometown: Hillsville, PA

## Why Josie is an #ACHero:

Josie was born 11 weeks premature and suffered extensive brain and kidney damage during a traumatic delivery. Since birth, Josie's winning spirit and strength have helped her get through countless hours of therapy and numerous surgeries to overcome the many challenges caused by cerebral palsy.

# Going for Gold

Known in Real Life as:

**Elijah Harper**

Age: 9

Hometown: Ellet, Ohio

**Why Elijah is an #ACHero:** An enthusiastic gymnast, Elijah was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a type of brain tumor, which required emergency neurosurgery, six weeks of intense radiation and a year of chemotherapy. Motivated by his love of gymnastics, Elijah worked hard to regain strength and flexibility so he could get back to the gym and continue doing what he loves most – tumbling.

**Mile  
6.25**

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**KENT STATE**  
UNIVERSITY



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

### **Meet & Greet Kara Goucher**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

John S. Knight Center / Ground Level

- Meet & Greet open to public

### **Health & Fitness Expo Presented by Summa Health and SummaCare**

**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

John S. Knight Center | 77 E. Mill Street

- Free event & open to the public
- Featuring a wide variety of exhibitor booths
- Packet pick up & final race registration, if not sold out
- Official Race Merchandise Store featuring ASICS® apparel presented by Vertical Runner
- **4:00 p.m.** check in for Pinning Ceremony for 5-Year, 10-Year and 15-Year Club Members
- **4:30 p.m.** Pinning Ceremony

### **Pasta Party**

**5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (8:00 p.m. last seating)**

John S. Knight Center / Ground Level

- \$22 for adults; \$10 for children ages 4-12; FREE for children 3-years and under
- All you can eat pasta & salad buffet; includes beverages and dessert
- Tickets sold day of Expo only
- RSVP online

### **Kids Fun Run Presented by Signet**

**6:30 p.m.** Race Start

Lock 3 Start/Finish | 200 S. Main Street

- **5:00 p.m.** Check-in opens
- FREE 1-mile fun run
- Open to children 12-years of age and under
- All participants receive a superhero sweatband, medal and healthy snack

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

### **FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Race Start**

217 S. High Street

- **5:30 a.m.** Announcements begin
- **6:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremony
- **6:59 a.m.** Wheelchair Division Start
- **7:00 a.m.** Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Start

### **Finisher Festival & Awards**

**8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Canal Park Stadium | 300 S. Main Street

- Stadium seating open to the public
- Brouse Cup presentation and awards
- Runner Finisher Festival



# HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

Presented by Summa Health and SummaCare



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

John S. Knight Center | 77 E. Mill Street



Join us at the Expo! Find answers to race related questions and save time for shopping! Browse through aisles of vendors, including the Official Akron Marathon Merchandise Store, Presented by Vertical Runner featuring licensed ASICS® apparel.

### EXPO VENDORS

- Akron Beacon Journal
- Akron Blind Center
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron Honey Company
- Akron Marathon Merchandise Store
- Akron Marathon Vintage Merchandise
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
- ASICS®
- Blimp City Bike and Hike
- Blue Line Beginners
- BODY ARMOR Sports Drink
- Bondi Band
- Brooks Running
- Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon
- Cleveland Browns
- Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- County of Summit ADM Board
- Crooked River Trail Runners
- Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center
- Detroit Metal Works
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Fitletic
- FirstEnergy Corp.
- Fleet Feet Sports
- Gear Check sponsored by FedEx Custom Critical
- Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio
- Goodwill Industries
- Hippie Runner
- Hogeeye Marathon & Relays
- iLoveKickboxing.com - Akron
- Kent State University
- Key Bank
- Kids Fun Run
- LASIK Vision Institute/Vision Group Holdings
- Maui-Jim Sunglasses by Novus Clinic Eye Care
- Mercy Health Glass City Marathon
- National Interstate Insurance
- National Running Center
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & Half
- Norwex
- NovaCare Rehabilitation
- Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
- One Of A Kind Pet Rescue/Running Dog
- Pace Team sponsored by Vertical Runner
- Physicians Aquafit
- Pinnacle Performance Eyewear
- Powerstep
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon
- Project Outrun
- Red Jacket Orchards
- Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon
- Rock Hall Half Marathon
- RUSEEN Reflective Apparel
- Sculpt Fitness
- Second Sole
- Stewart's Caring Place
- Summa Health/SummaCare
- Summit Athletic Running Club
- Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio
- The Buck Fifty
- The Refreshing Co.
- The University of Akron
- The University of Akron Confucius Institute
- The VanDevere Bunch
- TheRunnerStickers.com
- USA Sport Eyewear
- Vertical Runner
- WAKR/WONE/WQMX
- Western Reserve Racing

# Rocky

Known in Real Life as:

**Spencer Beal**

Age: 8

Hometown: Dover, Ohio

**Why Spencer is an #ACHero:** Spencer was born with Achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism. As part of his care, Spencer has undergone multiple surgeries and dozens of visits to the hospital. While his courage and strength are remarkable, it's his positive spirit and unwavering smile that help Spencer overcome any obstacle that comes his way.

**Mile  
6.85**

E. EXCHANGE ST.

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# KIDS FUN RUN

Presented By Signet Jewelers



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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

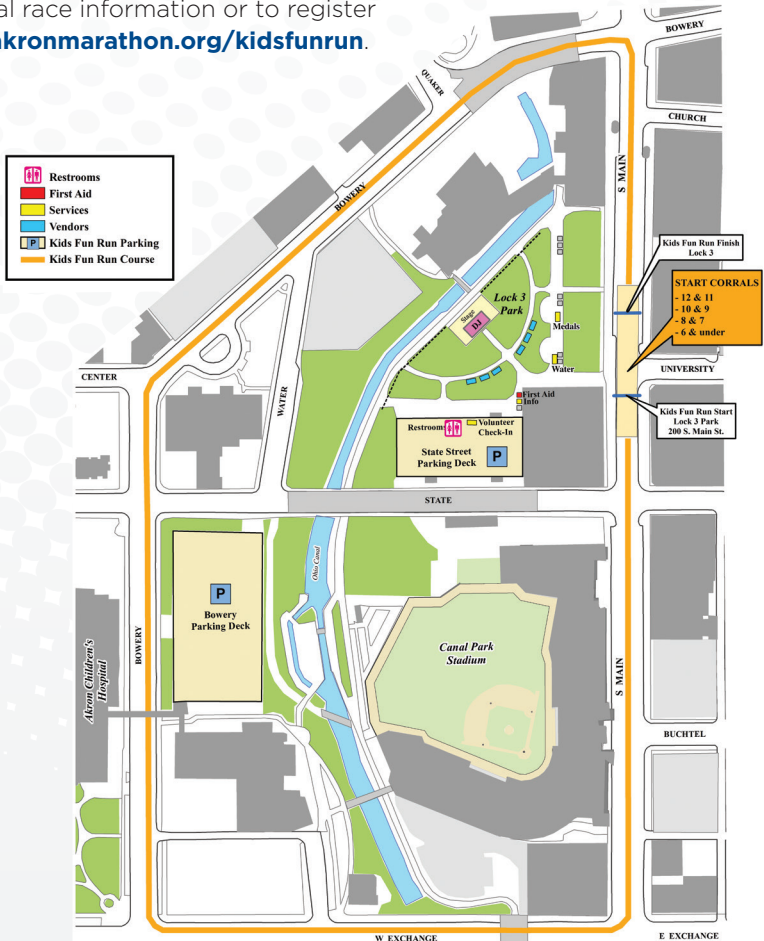
**5:00 p.m.** Check-In & Pre-Race Activities

**6:30 p.m.** Race Start

Start Line & Finish Line | Lock 3 Park

Bring the entire family and join us for the Kids Fun Run presented by Signet Jewelers. This free, non-competitive fun run for children 12 and younger is intended to teach children that exercise can be rewarding and fun. Each participant receives a medal, superhero sweatband and a healthy snack.

For additional race information or to register online, visit [akronmarathon.org/kidsfunrun](http://akronmarathon.org/kidsfunrun).





**Mile  
8.95**

GARFIELD HIGH  
SCHOOL

Hero Sponsors

  
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AKRON

**VORYS**  
Legal Counsel

# Titanium Tanner

Known in Real Life as:

**Tanner Ross**

Age: 12

Hometown: Stow, Ohio

**Why Tanner is an #ACHero:** Born with neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder, Tanner has undergone numerous spine surgeries and hours of therapy to relieve pain and severe scoliosis caused by the disorder. He stays positive with the support of his family and dog 'therapists,' as well as by helping others as a member of the Akron Children's teen advisory group.







# AKRON MARATHON

## RACE SERIES

### MARATHON HALF | RELAY

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# FIRSTENERGY AKRON MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & TEAM RELAY MAP



## HERO ZONES

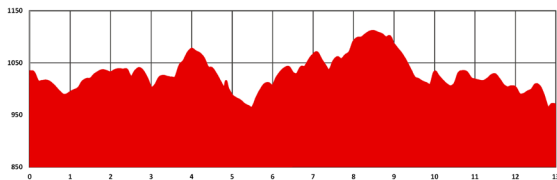
### Mile Sponsor

Start	Akron Children's Hospital
.1	FirstEnergy
2.5	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC
4.85	LifeBanc, sponsored by Marcus Thomas
6.25	Kent State University
6.85	The University of Akron
8.95	Stark State College Akron & Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease
9.8	KeyBank
10.4	Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center
10.85	Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board
12.5	FirstEnergy
17.8	Akron Children's Hospital Women's Board
21.1	Great Clips of Hudson and Akron
25.6	Legacy Strategic Asset Management of Wells Fargo & Oswald Companies
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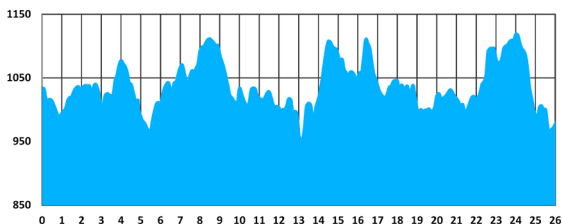
## Marathon

Miles	Time 1st Runner	Time SAG
0 START	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:24 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:38 AM
3	7:14 AM	7:52 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:06 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:20 AM
6	7:28 AM	8:34 AM
7	7:33 AM	8:48 AM
8	7:38 AM	9:02 AM
9	7:43 AM	9:16 AM
10	7:48 AM	9:30 AM
11	7:52 AM	9:44 AM
12	7:57 AM	9:58 AM
13	8:02 AM	10:12 AM
14	8:07 AM	10:26 AM
15	8:12 AM	10:40 AM
16	8:16 AM	10:54 AM
17	8:21 AM	11:08 AM
18	8:26 AM	11:22 AM
19	8:31 AM	11:36 AM
20	8:36 AM	11:50 AM
21	8:41 AM	12:04 PM
22	8:45 AM	12:18 PM
23	8:50 AM	12:32 PM
24	8:55 AM	12:46 PM
25	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
26	9:05 AM	1:14 PM
26.2	9:06 AM	1:16 PM

2017 Akron Half Marathon Elevation



2017 Akron Marathon Elevation





- Start/Finish Lines
- Mile Marker
- Relay Leg
- Kilometer Marker
- Fluid Station
- Energy Gel Station
- Medical Aid Station
- Hero Zone
- Restroom
- Marathon Course
- Half Marathon Course

### Half Marathon

Miles		Time 1st Runner	Time SAG
0	START	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1		7:04 AM	7:27 AM
2		7:09 AM	7:44 AM
3		7:14 AM	8:01 AM
4		7:19 AM	8:18 AM
5		7:24 AM	8:35 AM
6		7:28 AM	8:52 AM
7		7:33 AM	9:09 AM
8		7:38 AM	9:26 AM
9		7:43 AM	9:43 AM
10		7:48 AM	10:00 AM
11		7:52 AM	10:17 AM
12		7:57 AM	10:34 AM
13		8:02 AM	10:51 AM



- Start/Finish Lines
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# ROAD CLOSURES

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between State and Bowery	Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between W. Exchange and State St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between High and S. Main St.	Beginning at 7:00 p.m.
S. High St.	Between E. Bowery and University	Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High St.	Between Church St. and Exchange St.	4:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Market St. and Exchange St.	4:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
S. High St.	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and E. Exchange St.	6:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Martin Luther King Blvd.	Between Howard St. and N. Summit St.	6:50 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
All American Bridge	Both Directions	6:50 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
N. Main St. (southbound lanes only)	Between Olive St. and E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	6:50 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Main St. and Gorge Blvd.	7:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.
Gorge Blvd.	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Glenwood Ave.	7:10 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
State Route 8 North / Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Exit Ramp Only	7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
State Route 8 North / Tallmadge Ave.	Exit Ramp Only	7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Glenwood Ave.	Between Butler Ave. and Dan St.	7:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.
Butler Ave.	Between Olive St. and E. Glenwood Ave.	7:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.
Olive St.	Between N. Main St. and Butler Ave.	7:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.
Broadway St.	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and E. Exchange St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
University Ave.	Between S. Broadway St. and Hill St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.
Hill St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and University Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Parkway	Arc Dr. and University Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
Carroll St.	Between Wolf Ledges Parkway and Student Union	7:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
Buckeye St.	Between E. Exchange St. and Carroll St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
E. Exchange St. (westbound lanes only)	Between Spicer St. and Buckeye St.	7:35 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Brown St.	Between E. Exchange St. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Brown St. and E. Firestone Blvd.	7:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd.	Between N. Firestone Blvd. and S. Main St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
S. Main St. (northbound lanes only)	Between Wilbeth Rd. and Bartges St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
S. High St.	Between Bartges St. and E. Exchange St.	7:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
E. / W. Market St. (westbound lanes only)	Between Summit St. and Merriman Rd.	8:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Merriman Rd.	Between W. Market St. and N. Portage Path	8:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Mayfair Rd.	Between Merriman Rd. and N. Portage Path	8:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Garman Rd.	Between N. Portage Path and Idlewild St.	8:15 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Castle Blvd.	Between Garman Rd. and Fairfax Rd.	8:20 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between Castle Blvd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
N. Hawkins Ave. (northbound lanes only)	Between Fairfax Ave. and Thurmont Rd.	8:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thurmont Rd. (eastbound lanes only)	Between N. Hawkins Ave. and Brookshire Rd.	8:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
Brookshire Rd.	Between Thurmont Rd. and Goodhue Dr.	8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
Goodhue Dr.	Between Brookshire Rd. and Wyndham Rd.	8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Wyndham Rd. and Wiltshire Rd.	8:25 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood Rd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
N. Hawkins Ave. (northbound lanes only)	Between Wiltshire Rd. and W. Market St.	8:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wallhaven Circle	Between N. Hawkins Ave. and Walhaven Dr.	8:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wallhaven Dr. / Alton Dr.	Between Wallhaven Circle and Idlewild St.	8:40 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
Idlewild St.	Between Alton Dr. and Garman Rd.	8:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
N. Portage Path (southbound lanes only)	Between Mayfair Rd. and W. Market St.	8:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
W. Market St. (eastbound lanes only)	Between Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:45 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Road closures are organized by closure time



# Mega T

Known in Real Life as:

**Ethan Herald**

Age: 14

Hometown: Canal Fulton, Ohio

## Why Ethan is an #ACHero:

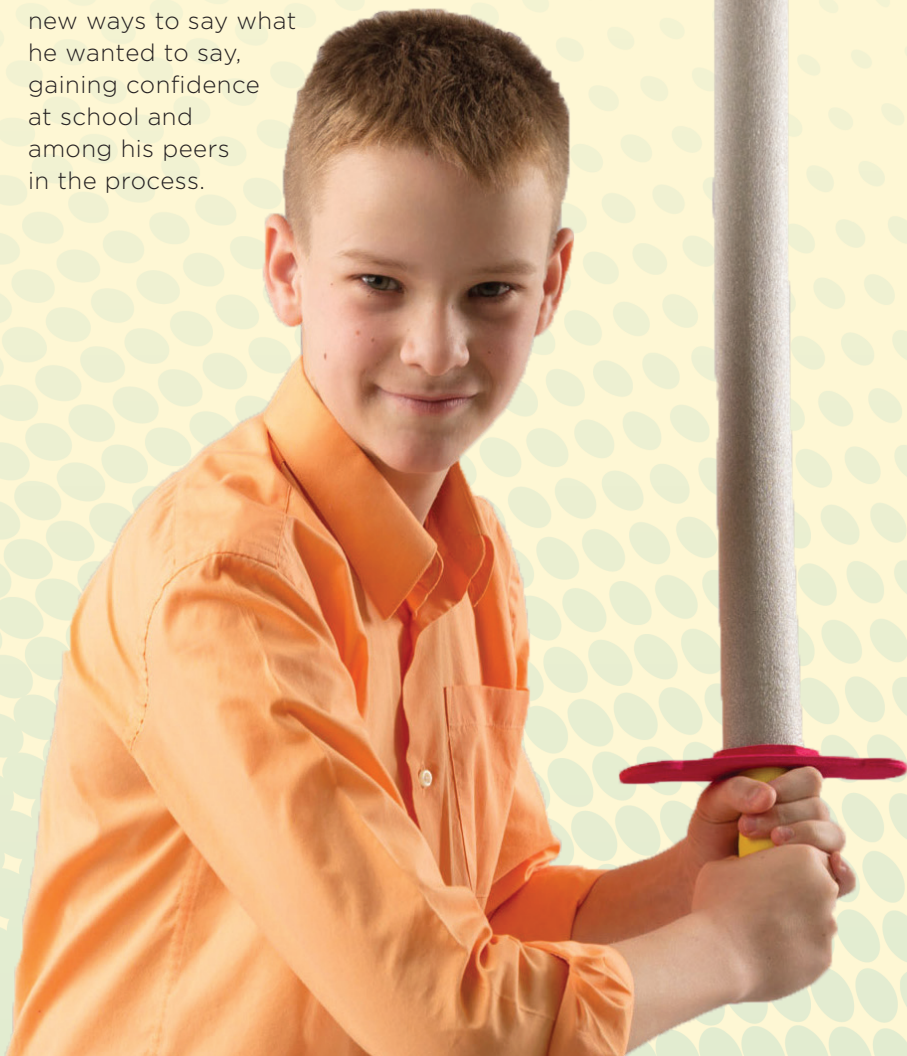
Growing up, Ethan and his family knew some words were harder for him to get out than others. It wasn't until he was diagnosed with Tourette syndrome in middle school that Ethan learned new ways to say what he wanted to say, gaining confidence at school and among his peers in the process.

# Mile 9.8

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# LINING UP AT THE START

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

**6:00 a.m.** Opening ceremonies

**6:59 a.m.** Wheelchair start

**7:00 a.m.** Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay start  
217 S. High Street

Over 11,000 race participants, along with thousands of volunteers and spectators will be flooding downtown Akron for the 15th annual FirstEnergy Akron Marathon!

Please join us for Opening Ceremonies

at 6:00 a.m. Music and race announcements will begin at 5:30 a.m. It is advised to be downtown prior to 6:00 a.m. due to road closures. Free parking at designated city decks and lots is available throughout downtown on race day.

In an effort to improve the race experience for all participants, corral assignments will once again be instituted for the 2017 race. Corral assignments will be indicated on each participant's race bib. Entrances will be monitored and access to the corrals is for participants only. Spectator viewing is encouraged north of the start line on High Street.



## Bib Color Breakdown by Event



**Marathon**



**Half  
Marathon**



**5-Person  
Team Relay**



## START LINE MAP



**AKRON  
MARATHON**  
RACE SERIES

**MARATHON  
HALF | RELAY**

PRESENTED BY  
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Start of Relay Leg #2



- Runner Services
- Medical
- Restrooms

### Corrals

- A
- B
- C
- D



# Spitfire Spinner

Known in Real Life as:

**Elizabeth Elder**

Age: 13

Hometown: Canfield, Ohio

## **Why Elizabeth is an #ACHero:**

Through sheer will and determination, Elizabeth is proof that anything is possible when you work hard at it. Born with permanent brain damage, Elizabeth has put in countless hours of therapy and undergone extensive surgeries to gain the strength and capacity to walk, talk and participate in school and sports.



# Mile 10.4

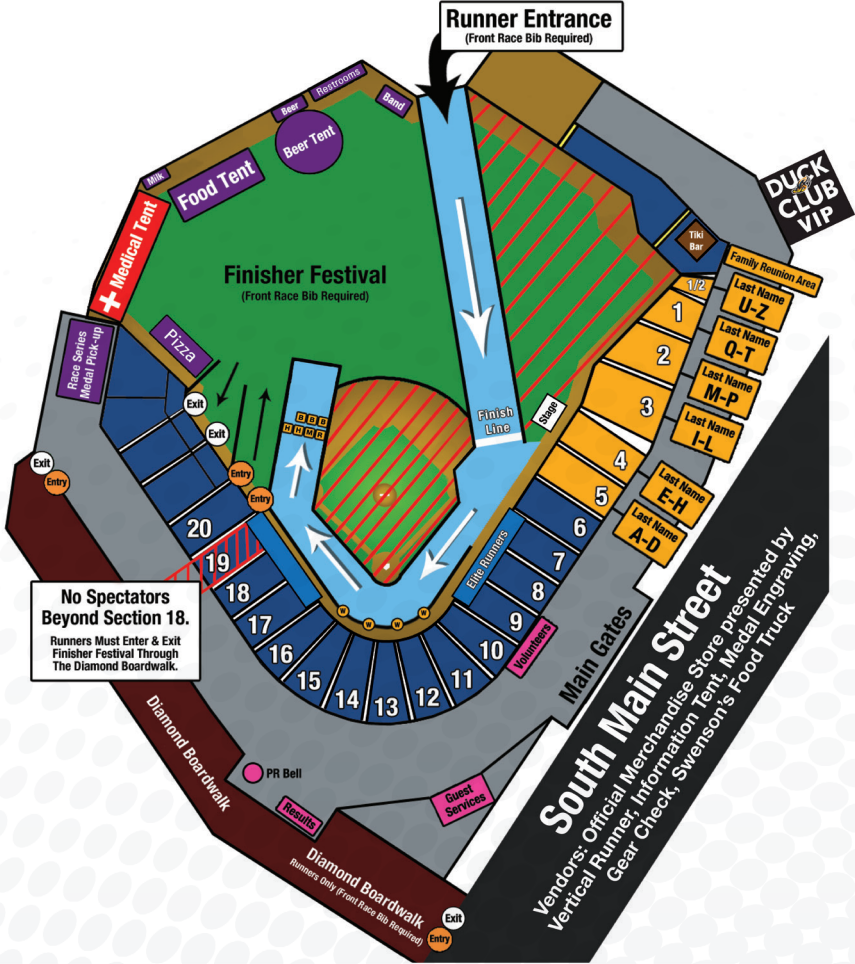
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# FINISH LINE MAP



## 2017 Akron Marathon Finish Line Key

<div></div> – Runner Chute	<div></div> – Finisher Festival Area (Front Race Bib Required)
<div></div> – Water	<div></div> – Finisher Festival Amenities
<div></div> – Relay Medal Distribution	<div></div> – Medical
<div></div> – Half Marathon Medal Distribution	<div></div> – Medical lane
<div></div> – Marathon Medal Distribution	<div></div> – Family Reunion Area
<div></div> – Mylar Blankets	<div></div> – Concourse
<div></div> – Merchandise and Medal Engraving	<div></div> – Concourse Amenities
	<div></div> – Restricted Areas

**What makes the Akron Marathon great?** How about over a hundred thousand spectators along the marathon course! Spectators are a vital part of the marathon's exciting race atmosphere. The Akron Marathon race course is designed to be one of the most spectator friendly courses in the country with four viewing locations allowing you to see your runner up to four times while walking only a few short blocks!



# SPECTATOR INFORMATION

## Start Line / High Street

Kick off the day by watching the opening ceremonies, which begin at 6:00 a.m. at the Akron Marathon Start Line located at 217 S. High Street, downtown Akron. Access the start line from various parking areas located on our downtown parking map on page 28.

## Mile 6

After the start of the race, walk one block east to Broadway. Here you'll be able to see runners at mile 6.

## Mile 12

Watch runners as they run back through the start line at mile 12.

## Finish Line / Canal Park Stadium

Next, you'll want to head west to S. Main Street toward the finish, located inside Canal Park Stadium, where you can relax with a great view of our world-class finish line. You'll get race updates via announcements on the main stage.

Be sure to review the course map on page 19 to familiarize yourself with mile markers and locations.





# SPECTATOR TIPS

Here are a few tips to make the spectator experience even more memorable:

## Tip #1: Respect the Course

Help runners have a successful race by staying clear of course boundaries. This means don't cross the course, stay on the curb or sidewalks as to not narrow the streets for runners, and, most importantly, listen to law enforcement and volunteers in regards to the best location to watch.

## Tip #2: Timing Is Everything

You will want to find out the projected pace per mile for your runner to aid in determining where and when they should reach certain points in the course. It could take a runner 5 minutes to cross the start line, so timing should not be based on the start time. Be sure to get live updates on your runner's progress along the race course by downloading the **Akron Marathon 2017 app** and track your runner. As runners cross over timing mats located at various points along the race course, you will automatically receive updates. By doing so, you can easily anticipate your runner's arrival at your viewing area.

## Tip #3: Get Noticed

Help your runner pick you out of the crowd by painting a sign or banner and wearing brightly colored clothing. It is also crucial to know your marathoner's bib number and how they are dressed. It's an imperfect science trying to time the convergence of a runner and spectator. If you suspect you've missed each other, move to the next viewing location.

## Tip #4: Be Prepared

Be another resource along the course for your runner. Marathon water and energy gel stations will support runners; however, a good hand-off during the race might be a favorite snack or beverage. Consider the weather, as well. If it's raining, bring extra socks. If it is sunny, bring sunscreen. And as the day warms up, be ready to receive items from your runner as they shed extra clothing.

## Tip #5: Meet Up Post Race

Plan to meet your runner in Canal Park Stadium at the Family Reunion Area in sections #1-5.



# Sleeping Beauty

Known in Real Life as:

**Chaniya Jackson**

Age: 12

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

# Mile 10.85

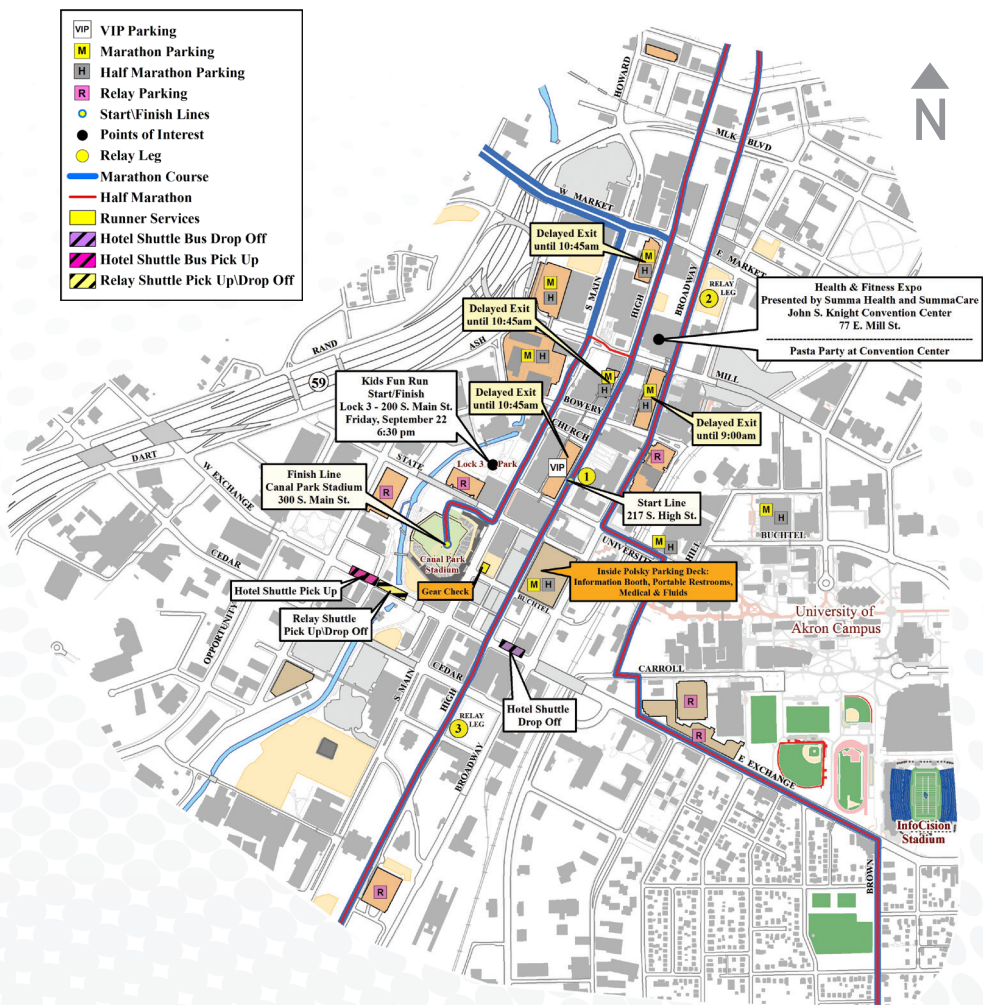
BROADWAY &  
EAST LONG

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**Why Chaniya is an #ACHero:** Born with Down syndrome, Chaniya has never let her condition get in the way of learning new things. With patience, the right teachers and a sleep study she's found the perfect rhythm to school and life.

# DOWNTOWN AKRON LOCATIONS



## RELAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

To Relay	Hours
Leg 4.....	7:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
Leg 5.....	7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

# RESTAURANTS OPEN RACE DAY

Restaurant	Location	Hours
69 Taps	370 Paul Williams	4:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m.
Akron Art Museum Café	1 S. High St.	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Akron Coffee Roasters	30 N. High St.	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Barley House	222 S. Main St	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Bricco	1 W. Exchange St.	11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Brubaker's Pub	357 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.
Chameleon Café	23 S. Main St.	6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Chill Ice Cream Co.	30 N. High St.	12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Cilantro	326 S. Main St.	3:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Crave	57 E. Market St.	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
DaVinci's	374 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Diamond Deli	378 S. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Eddie's Famous Cheesesteaks	349 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Insomnia Cookies	367 S. Main St.	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Jimmy John's	371 S. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Luigi's	105 N. Main St.	3:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Nuevo Modern Mexican & Tequila Bar	54 E. Mill St.	11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Pad Thai	12 E. Exchange St.	11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
PIZZAFIRE	22 E. Exchange St.	11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Starbucks Polsky	225 S. Main St.	5:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Stray Dog Café	75 S. Main St.	5:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Subway	10 N. Main St	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Subway	348 S. Main St., Ste 100	6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sweet Mary's Bakery	76 E. Mill St.	5:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The Peanut Shoppe	203 S. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Urban Eats	51 E. Market St.	5:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Western Fruit Basket	115 E. Market St.	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Woody's Bar and Grill	376 S. Main St.	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.



# AKRON MARATHON CHAMPIONS

	Men's Marathon Open		Men's Marathon Masters	
2003	2:21:59	Jonah Rono	2:45:58	Daniel Dudek
2004	2:22:16	Andrey Gordeyev	2:45:10	Larry Taylor
2005	2:18:48	Charles Kamindo	2:40:56	Damon Blackford
2006	2:22:02	Alene Reta	2:37:31	John Piggott
2007	2:28:05	Joshua Koros	2:35:58	John Piggott
2008	2:23:13	Birhanu Wukaw Zeleke	2:32:40	Sergey Kaledin
2009	2:27:21	Richard Chelimo	2:31:51	Sergey Kaledin
2010	2:19:34	Geoffrey Kiprotich	2:29:13	Sergey Kaledin
2011	2:22:46	Peter Kemboi	2:38:06	Andrew Musuva
2012	2:18:51	Richard Kessio	2:28:24	Sergey Kaledin
2013	<b>2:15:59</b>	<b>Getachew Asfaw*</b>	2:32:04	Esteban Vanegas
2014	2:16:45	Teklu Deneke	<b>2:23:44</b>	<b>Richard Kessio*</b>
2015	2:22:21	Teklu Deneke	2:40:58	Esteban Vanegas
2016	2:21:40	Anthony Miglizzo	2:44:00	Francesco Arato

	Women's Marathon Open		Women's Marathon Masters	
2003	3:13:21	Brenda Bowden	3:20:02	Michelle Mueller
2004	2:40:17	Elena Orleva	3:11:06	Shelagh Sweeney
2005	<b>2:39:09</b>	<b>Maria Portilla*</b>	3:01:14	Laura Murphy
2006	2:55:23	Leteyesys Berhe	3:17:28	Karen Collins
2007	2:52:31	Melissa Rittenhouse	2:56:43	Elena Kaledina
2008	2:57:56	Sarah Plaxton	3:13:18	Connie Gardner
2009	2:51:59	Hirut Mandefro	<b>2:53:04</b>	<b>Elena Kaledina*</b>
2010	2:42:33	Ludmila Stepanova	2:49:52	Elena Kaledina
2011	2:45:57	Becki Michael	3:03:54	Tracy Wollschalger
2012	2:55:09	Shanna Ailes Istnick	3:04:34	Kristy Kenna
2013	2:39:18	Ludmila Stepanova	3:05:20	Kristy Kenna
2014	2:42:53	Tezata Dengersa	3:04:13	Kristy Kenna
2015	2:39:45	Irina Alexandrova	2:58:10	Beth Woodward
2016	2:51:34	Becki Spellman	3:11:18	Teresa Ferguson

	Men's Half Marathon		Men's Half Marathon Masters	
2007	1:09:47	Matthew Folk	1:22:44	Pete Jendre
2008	1:15:09	Mike Hansen	1:18:46	Bob Flajnik
2009	1:13:02	Dustin Meeker	1:17:31	Dan Sparks
2010	1:06:48	Andrew Carnes	1:17:20	Jeff Day
2011	1:10:56	Michael Capriolo	1:21:28	Brian Mazur
2012	1:07:01	Philip Lagat	1:15:39	John Piggott
2013	1:05:38	Ryan Kienzle	1:15:31	John Piggott
2014	1:05:56	Philani Buthelezi	1:16:30	Jason Newport
2015	<b>1:03:58</b>	<b>Nicholas Too*</b>	<b>1:08:45</b>	<b>Richard Kessio*</b>
2016	1:08:02	Ryan Kienzle	1:17:34	Bradley Prather

	Women's Half Marathon		Women's Half Marathon Masters	
2007	1:27:47	Colleen Tate	1:33:51	Nancy Chong
2008	1:26:24	Mandy Yates	1:35:53	Michele Dewit
2009	1:23:56	Nicole Camp	1:37:36	Deb Deren
2010	1:17:56	Mandy Yates	1:35:25	Beth Darmstadter
2011	1:28:18	Brandi Howard	1:32:23	Marlene Bloomfield
2012	1:17:57	Dorcus Chesang	1:28:30	Josephine Weeden
2013	1:14:22	Jessica Odorcic	1:32:39	Rosalie Franek
2014	1:17:05	Kelsi Nutter	1:28:43	Gwen Frederickson
2015	<b>1:14:18</b>	<b>Hellen Jepkurgat*</b>	<b>1:25:29</b>	<b>Brenda Hodge*</b>
2016	1:18:25	Maureen Lemon	1:29:49	Michelle Farr

\*Record Holders

# Under Dog

Known in Real Life as:

**Jack Lehman**

Age: 16

Hometown: Hudson, Ohio

**Why Jack is an #ACHero:**

During his sophomore year of high school, Jack was diagnosed with acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM), a rare autoimmune disease, which nearly took his life. Through hours of rehabilitation and incredible determination, Jack learned to breathe, eat and walk again, making a remarkable recovery.

**Mile  
17.8**

444 N. HAWKINS  
AVE.

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# Madd Dog

Known in Real Life as:

**Maddux Maple**

Age: 11

Hometown: Dennison, Ohio

**Why Maddux is an #ACHero:**

Maddux was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia at 5 years old. Instead of starting kindergarten, he began a 3.5 year chemo treatment plan that took courage and determination to get through, inspiring a fighter and a community in the process.

**Mile  
21.1**

45 HAWKINS AVE.

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# PRIZE MONEY & AWARDS

## Marathon Open Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first five men and first five women to finish the marathon who are citizens of the United States of America at the time of the race regardless of age.

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$2,500 plus Champion Brouse Cup
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$1,500
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$1,000
- Men's & Women's Fourth Place: \$500
- Men's & Women's Fifth Place: \$250

## Marathon Masters Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first three men and first three women to finish the marathon who are citizens of the United States of America at the time of the race and are age 40 or older.

- Masters Men's & Women's First Place: \$1,000 plus Champion Brouse Cup
- Masters Men's & Women's Second Place: \$500
- Masters Men's & Women's Third Place: \$250

## Marathon Ohio Resident Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first three men and first three women to finish the marathon who are residents of the state of Ohio at the time of the race regardless of age.

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$750
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$500
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$250

## Marathon Age Group Awards\*

- Top five male and female marathon finishers in all age categories will receive recognition awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+.

## Half Marathon Open Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first three men and first three women to finish the half marathon who are citizens of the United States of America at the time of the race regardless of age.

- Men's & Women's First Place: \$1,000
- Men's & Women's Second Place: \$750
- Men's & Women's Third Place: \$500

## Half Marathon Masters Division\*

This prize money is awarded to the first three men and first three women to finish the half marathon who are citizens of the United States of America at the time of the race and are age 40 or older.

- Masters Men's & Women's First Place: \$500
- Masters Men's & Women's Second Place: \$375
- Masters Men's & Women's Third Place: \$250

## Half Marathon Age Group Awards\*

- Top three male and female half marathon finishers in all age categories will receive recognition awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUNDERS CLUB MEMBERS!

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# Sonica & Flash

Known in Real Life as:

**Bella & Sophia Bevilacqua**

Age: 10

Hometown: Lakemore, Ohio

**Why Bella is an #ACHero:** Active and witty Bella suffers from a low immune system, but she doesn't let it keep her spirit down. She works to stay healthy by following her health plan and participating in sports, as well as giving and receiving full doses of laughter thanks to her comedic personality and sweet disposition.

**Mile  
25.6**  
50 S. MAIN ST.

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**Why Sophia is an #ACHero:**

While born premature, there's nothing premature about Sophia's desire to live life to the fullest despite the challenges cerebral palsy may cause. From multiple, complex surgeries to hours of physical and occupational therapy – Sophia stays positive with support from her family and friends, and by participating in activities she loves.



# Mile 26.1

FINAL STRETCH  
AT CANAL PARK  
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