



FUN FACTS about the 43rd Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 17th ½ Marathon

THE PEOPLE

- 24 Marathon Mile Champions who have shared their stories to inspire
- Over 1,100 volunteers that make this marathon possible
- More than 12,000 athletes who come from 47 states, D.C. and 13 countries.
- More than 60 bands, DJs and entertainers add extra cheer
- 25-member marathon team and 9-member marathon board of directors have put in approximately 10,000 hours of planning
- 30 Striding Slider (presented by White Castle) pace team leaders
- Approximately 100,000 spectators cheer on athletes on Race Day
- More than 400 Children's Champions raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital through the event
- 101 participants will be celebrating their birthday race weekend

THE SUPPLIES

- 100,000 White Castle cups of water to quench thirst
- 100,000-plus cups of Lemon-Lime Gatorade when water just doesn't cut it
- 8,000 bananas; 6,000 apples; 16,000 bottles of water; 10,000 peanut butter sandwich cracker 6-packs; 10,000 packets of string cheese; 10,000 cartons of chocolate milk; 10,000 bagels; 10,000 Frito-Lay chips and 10,000 yummy frozen treats and popsicles
- 500-plus portable bathrooms for relief
- 3,000 Clif Shot energy gels to refuel (strawberry, citrus and mocha flavored)

THE COURSE

- 1 Angel Mile to honor, remember and celebrate the angels of Nationwide Children's who have already finished their race
- 1 Encore Mile, for the 400+ patients who lined the 2012 – 2022 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon course
- 201,600-watt sound system to rev up runners at the Start Line
- 27 permits throughout five different police jurisdictions to close 26.2 miles of roads
- Thousands of pounds of discarded clothes donated to Goodwill Columbus

THE CAUSE

- Nationwide Children's Hospital has more than 1.7 million patient visits annually and stays true to its mission of providing care regardless of the family's ability to pay.

- Last year, it provided more than \$259 million in charity care and community benefit services and welcomed patients from all 50 U.S. states and 45 foreign countries.
- As a result of the partnership between the Columbus Marathon and Nationwide Children's Hospital, more than \$12 million has been raised to support the work of Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- Once again listed on U.S News & World Report's Best Children's Hospital Honor Roll, a distinction awarded to only 10 children's centers nationwide.
- Nationwide Children's Hospital is America's second largest children's hospital and has America's highest number of NICU beds, inpatient surgeries, clinic, urgent care, diagnostic therapy, and outpatient visits.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Health & Fitness Expo – Hall D of the Greater Columbus Convention Center

- Friday, Oct. 13 noon to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 14 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jesse Owens 5K and 1 Mile; Highlights Kids' Run – 311 W. Long Street – **Saturday, Oct. 14**

- 11 a.m.: Jesse Owens 5K start
- 11 a.m.: Jesse Owens 1 Mile start
- 12:30 p.m.: Highlights Kids' Run start

Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon – **Sunday, Oct. 15**

- 7:25 a.m. Wheelchair Division Start
- 7:30 a.m. Marathon & ½ Marathon

About The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon has raised more than \$12 million for Nationwide Children's Hospital since it became the title beneficiary of the event in 2012. The Columbus Marathon will be held for the 43rd time in 2023; this year will mark the 17th edition of the ½ Marathon and the second for both the Jesse Owens 5K and 1 Mile races. For more information, visit www.columbusmarathon.com.

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