

# NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLUMBUS MARATHON

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## Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon Raises More than \$8 Million for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Seven Years

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**(COLUMBUS, OH – Oct. 21, 2018)** – The 2018 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon featured a field of more than 15,000 participants and, over the past seven years, has raised more than \$8 million for the hospital.

Following were highlights of the day:

- Nearly \$1.3 million **and counting** was raised for Nationwide Children's Hospital during the 2018 event; for a total of more than \$8 million raised since the partnership with the event started in 2012;
- Five Americans qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials, including the first four females in the marathon (beating the 2:45 qualifying time) and the second place male 1/2 marathon winner;
- Columbus's own Christina Murphy won the women's marathon division for the second time
- A field of more than 15,000 participated from 46 different states and 16 countries;
- 24 Nationwide Children's Hospital Patient Champions and their families were along 24 miles; one mile was the Angel Mile and was dedicated to the angels of Nationwide Children's who have already run their race; and one mile was the Encore Mile for the more than 160 Patient Champions from previous races.

"It was just incredible to drape American flags around the shoulders of the runners who qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials. And even better, three of the five who qualified are Ohioans," said Darris Blackford, Race Director. "But the main inspiration is always our Patient Champions at every mile. They have fought overwhelming odds and are a visual reminder of the life-saving work that Nationwide Children's Hospital does for children in Central Ohio and around the country and the globe. It's our great honor to partner with them."

### TOP FINISHERS

#### Marathon Male

- Elijah Rugut, Kenya 2:22:46
- Josh Ordway, Springboro, OH 2:23:32
- Brent Martin, Wooster, OH 2:24:21

#### Marathon Female

- Christina Murphy, Columbus 2:40:43
- Anne Flower, Lexington, KY 2:42:24
- Emma McCarron, Mansfield, OH 2:43:20



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#### ½ Marathon Male

- James Ngandu, Kenya 1:03:42
- John Raneri, New Fairfield, CT 1:03:49
- Kiprop Mutai, Kenya 1:05:41

#### ½ Marathon Female

- Vicoty Chepngeno, Kenya 1:12:38
- Kaitlyn Peale, Portland, OR 1:13:29
- Grace Kahura, Boulder, CO 1:14:20

#### ½ Marathon Wheelchair Male

- Casey Followay, Wooster, OH 1:03:34
- Matt Davis, Bowling Green, KY 1:03:37
- Joey Gibbs, Ocala, FL 1:24:11

#### Marathon – Wheelchair Male

- Christian Clemmons, Champaign, IL 1:53:58
- Steven Smith, Plover, WI 1:59:18
- Yen Hoang, Vancouver, WA 2:15:26

### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 2018 EVENT

#### THE PEOPLE

- 24 Miracle Mile Patient Champions who have shared their stories to inspire
- 3,000 volunteers making this marathon possible
- More than 15,000 athletes come from 46 states (we are only missing representation from Alaska, Louisiana, Rhode Island and the ever-elusive North Dakota!)
- Nearly 100 bands and entertainers add extra cheer
- 25-member marathon team and 10-member marathon board of directors that have put in approximately 10,000 hours of planning
- Approximately 60,000 people attend the Health & Fitness Expo
- Approximately 100,000 spectators cheer on athletes on Race Day
- Participants in the ½ Marathon range in age from 12 years of age (we have five registered) to 83 years of age; participants in the full range in age from 16 years old to 77 years old (from Kildare, Ireland!).
- Participants in the full marathon hail from USA, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa and the UK. Participants in the half marathon hail from the USA, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Kenya and Taiwan
- 85 elite athletes are entered in the full and the ½ marathon
- Nearly 1,000 Children's Champions raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital through the event
- 53 participants are running the race on their birthday!

The logo for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon. It features a blue rectangular box at the top containing the text "NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL" in white, serif, all-caps font. Below this box, the word "COLUMBUS" is written in a large, orange, sans-serif font, with a white outline of the state of Ohio and a white star inside the outline of the letter 'O'. Below "COLUMBUS", the word "MARATHON" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font.

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## THE SUPPLIES

- More than 125,000 White Castle cups of water to quench thirst
- 100,000-plus cups of Lemon-Lime Gatorade (approximately 11,600 gallons of Gatorade) when water just doesn't cut it
- 14,000 bananas, 10,000 apples, 30,000 bottles of water, 12,000 peanut butter sandwich cracker 6-packs, 12,000 packets of string cheese, 18,000 Zone Perfect bars, Sunbelt Bakery granola bars, 2900 Whirly Bird bags of granola, 18,000 Haribo Halloween gummies, 16,000 cartons of Smith's Chocolate Milk, 12,000 bagels
- 600 portable bathrooms for relief
- 24,000 Clif Shot energy gels to refuel (chocolate, raspberry and citrus flavored!)
- 96 portable generators to power the course

## 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 patients who lined the 2012 – 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon course
- 20,000 feet of fencing (nearly 4 miles) along various parts of the course
- 201,600-watt sound system to rev up runners at the Start Line
- 20 Clif Bar and New Albany Walking Club members
- 27 permits throughout five different police jurisdictions to close down 26.2 miles of roads
- Approximately 10,000 lbs. of discarded clothes donated to Goodwill Columbus

## THE CAUSE

- Nationwide Children's Hospital has more than 1.2 million patient visits annually and stays true to its mission of providing care regardless of the family's ability to pay.
- As a result of the partnership between the Columbus Marathon and Nationwide Children's Hospital seven years ago, more than \$8 million has been raised to support the life-saving work of Nationwide Children's Hospital.

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

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and ½ Marathon will take place Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019. More than \$8 million has been raised for Nationwide Children's Hospital since it became the title beneficiary of the event in 2012. For more information, visit [www.columbusmarathon.com](http://www.columbusmarathon.com).

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