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Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon Announce 2023 Mile Champions

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon is pleased to announce the 2023 "Mile Champions" who will represent 24 of the 26 miles on the course. The other two miles will include the Encore Mile, which honors former Marathon Mile Champions, and the Angel Mile, which celebrates the lives of past patients who are unfortunately no longer with us.

A committee of hospital staff selected the Marathon Mile Champions after a thoughtful review of inspiring patient applications submitted by individual families or nominated by Nationwide Children's staff members. The Mile Champions, current or former patients of Nationwide Children's, were chosen based on various criteria, including diversity of diagnosis, age and enthusiasm to cheer on race participants at their mile. A full list of the Mile Champions is below. To learn more about the Mile Champion program, please contact Nimrah.Clark@nationwidechildrens.org.

To help fund the lifesaving research and care taking place at Nationwide Children's, full marathon and 1/2 marathon participants are encouraged to fundraise as "[Children's Champions](#)." Since 2012, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon has raised over \$10 million for life saving care and research.

Thank you to our Mile Sponsors for your generous support of our Mile Champions. Platinum Sponsors: The Columbus Dispatch and Nationwide Insurance. Gold Sponsor: AEP Ohio and Greif. Silver Sponsors: Abercrombie + Fitch, Bread Financial, LeaderPromos, Vaughn Industries and White Castle.

Corporate or community organizations interested in becoming a partner in 2023 may contact Cindy Laux with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation at (614) 355-5413 or Cynthia.Laux@NationwideChildrens.org, [Click Here](#) to read more about the Marathon Mile Champions and to support Nationwide Children's.

The 43rd Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon is Sunday, October 15th at 7:30 a.m. at North Bank Park. It is one of the top 20 marathons in the United States. For more information, visit ColumbusMarathon.com.

2023 Mile Champions:

- Aiden, 8, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (B-Cell), Columbus, OH
- Austin, 9, Spina Bifida, Upper Arlington, OH
- Avery, 9, Congenital Heart Disease, Pickerington, OH
- Benjamin, 8, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, chronic pulmonary issues, Lewis Center, OH
- Brielle, 9, Rare Genetic Mutation of the 16th Chromosome - GRIN2A, Washington Court House, OH
- Bryce, 12, Brain Hemorrhage/Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM), Delaware, OH
- Cy, 10, Pigmented Epithelioid Melanocytoma, Vanlue, OH
- Dylan, 18, Cystic Fibrosis, Cedarville, OH
- Ella, 8, Omphalocele, Powell, OH
- Eloise, 11, Chronic Osteomyelitis, Dublin, OH
- Emerson, 7, Myelomeningocele, Hydrocephalus, Nashport, OH
- Emma Grace, 15, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, Arthritic Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ), Asthma, Centerburg, OH
- Gabriel, 10, Cerebral Palsy, Delaware, OH
- Gianna, 5, SCN8A Epilepsy, Powell, OH
- Greyson, 7, Congenital Heart Disease, Perrysburg, OH
- Judah, 6, Bilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss, Canal Winchester, OH
- Katelyn, 8, High Risk Neuroblastoma, Powell, OH
- Lucas, 7, Type 1 Diabetes, Upper Sandusky, OH
- Lucia, 6, Bilateral Cleft Lip and Palate, Worthington, OH
- Lucy, 6, Agenesis of Corpus Callosum, Epilepsy, Ventriculomegaly, Cortical Dysplasia, Cerebral Palsy, Dandy Walker, Viral Induced Asthma, Pataskala, OH
- Nadia, 7, Crohn's Disease, Columbus, OH
- Sam, 11, Ewing's Sarcoma, Columbus, OH
- Vivian, 8, Anorectal Malformation, Tethered Spinal Cord, Hydronephrosis, Didelphys Uterus, Aberdeen, SD
- Xavier, 7, Traumatic Brain Injury, Westerville, OH

Note: Age on race day is reflected