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Board Extends Support For Nationwide Children's Hospital
\$1.3 million donated by the Board since partnership formed in 2012;
Total support generated tops \$12 million

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)– The Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon Board of Trustees has made a \$100,000 donation to Nationwide Children's Hospital, continuing its support for the benefiting charity of the event since the partnership was launched in 2012.

The Board has made a donation to Nationwide Children's Hospital in every year of the partnership, including 2020 - when the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and full refunds were offered to registrants – and 2021, despite the event's reduced field size as efforts to emerge from the pandemic continued.

Since becoming the charitable beneficiary of the Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon in 2012, more than \$12 million has been generated for the hospital through fundraising, sponsorship and donations, including more than \$1.3 million donated directly by the Marathon Board.

"We feel honored to provide financial support to Nationwide Children's Hospital and contribute to its efforts helping children and families in Ohio and worldwide," said Dan Leite, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "The support of our athletes, vendors and the community allows us to put on a successful event each year, and in turn allows us to remain committed to our partnership with Nationwide and NCH by making an annual donation."

Darris Blackford, Race Director, said the outlook is favorable for this support to continue in 2023 as the race and the world in general make further strides following the effects of the pandemic.

"Our event attracts runners and walkers seeking health and wellness and who want to support the Hospital," Blackford said. "This is why we call it "America's Most Meaningful Marathon & 1/2 Marathon."

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

The 43rd Columbus Marathon will be held October 15; this year marks the 17th edition of the ½ Marathon. For more information, visit www.columbusmarathon.com.

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