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2017 Boston Marathon Invitational Entries

The 121st Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017. As in prior years, the Town has received a limited number of invitational entries for distribution to local charities, based on guidelines established by the Board of Selectmen. Effective immediately, the Board of Selectmen is accepting requests from charities for an allocation of such entries. At an upcoming meeting, the Board will review the applications and designate certain charities to receive a specified number of entries.

Charities interested in receiving invitational entries should complete the attached application and return it to the Selectmen's office by **Wednesday, November 23, 2016**. Please note that we have asked each charity to indicate on the application how many runners the charity representatives expect they can recruit by December 31st.

Individual runners who are interested in obtaining an invitational entry are welcome to either; (a) encourage a charity of their choice to submit an application; or, (b) submit their name to the Selectmen's office to be kept apprised of the charities designated to receive entries.

In designating the charities to receive an allocation of entries, the Selectmen will give preference to charities that benefit Wellesley residents and programs. Charities that receive invitational entries are similarly encouraged to give preference to Wellesley residents. Each charity will also be expected to report the actual amount of funds raised through this initiative.

An individual runner who subsequently receives an invitational entry from one of the designated charities will be expected to raise a minimum of \$4,000 for the charity. Prior to receiving their entry, each runner will be expected to provide a credit card number evidencing their commitment to raise this amount. Following confirmation from the relevant charity that the fundraising commitment has been met, this credit card information will be destroyed.

Applications should be sent to and any questions directed to:

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Wellesley Town Hall
525 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482
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tconnolly@wellesleyma.gov***

2017 Boston Marathon Charitable Organization Application for Invitational Entry

Charitable organizations must provide the information outlined below in order to be eligible for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. Applications must be received in the Selectmen's Office in person or via email by Wednesday, November 23, 2016. The Board will review the applications and select the charities that will receive an allocation of invitational entries. Charities will be notified as soon thereafter as possible.

Name of Organization:

Address:

Contact person:

Email address and phone number:

Legal status of organization:

Sources of funding:

Mission of organization:

What services does your organization provide?

Who benefits from your organization?

How many people benefit?

What percentage of funds is committed to the organization's mission vs. administration?

How will your organization specifically use the funds you receive through the Boston Marathon fundraising?

How will the Town of Wellesley and/or Wellesley residents benefit from this fundraising?

How many runners could your organization recruit for the 2017 Boston Marathon?

(Until the Selectmen deliberate on the number of entries to be allotted to each charity, we are unable to provide any assurances in this regard.)

Additional comments:

Signature:

Date: