

Subject: 2007 This Run's for Jack Update



Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund E-mail Newsletter

Run Update

Strength. Passion. Focus.

"I'm sure Jack was smiling down at everything that took place on Sunday. He saw families spending time together laughing, friends crossing the finish line, not caring if they were going to be sick, or tired, or wet. He saw people that cared about people, doing whatever they could to contribute."

Excerpt from a note received after the 5K

Do you have the S.P.F. it takes to run on Jack's Marathon Team?

Jack's Fund is an official charity of the World Marathon Majors.

We are actively recruiting runners for the 2008 Boston and ING New York Marathons.

Shop2Care: Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 5-9 pm

The following Glen Ellyn stores will donate 10% of their sales to Jack's Fund. AliKat, Georgia Rae, Giggles 'n Gaggle's, Good Works Gallery, Knickers of Glen Ellyn and Renaissance Art Studio.

Survey: Please take a minute to let us know your thoughts on the 2007 "This Run's For Jack". [Click here](#) to complete a brief web survey to help us plan and improve the race for next year.

Sharon Marston's Words at the Start of the 2007 'This Run's for Jack'

'...As Jack would have wanted it; this race has become an event of hope and healing for many families facing melanoma. The race is called "This Run's for Jack", but today we also run for: Amy, Mike, Cathy, Julia, Kim, Laura, Ellen, Joel, Julie, Robert, Stephanie, Tim, Bob, Carol, Tom, Ken and the countless others who have lost their lives to melanoma and for the many others currently fighting and determined to beat this disease. And we celebrate the survivors who have battled and won.

As you run through the beautiful streets of Glen Ellyn and circle the lake,



know that you have made a difference today, by honoring those in the fight and helping to find a cure. Thank you, good luck and have a great run.” [To read the entire speech, click here.](#)



The Race

Eighth grader, Brendan Loftus, was the official race starter. Brendan had a special relationship with Jack as his coach and mentor. Brendan proudly reflects Jack’s compassion and competitive spirit.

As the starting gun sounded, a brief shower dampened the runners, but it did not dampen the spirits of those participating in this year’s “This Run’s For Jack”. Participants ran or walked the beautiful route around Lake Ellyn and the lake neighborhood and crossed the finish line at “Jack’s Tree” (planted by the Glen Ellyn Park District to honor Jack’s leadership and volunteer involvement).



The Winners

Medals were awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers and age group ribbons were awarded to the top three finishers in each age category. [Click here](#) for official race results.



The Family Tent - Strength.Passion.Focus.

In an effort to continue to honor Jack’s example of hospitality, compassion and



kindness to others, this year's Family Tent was set up as an oasis for people that have been directly impacted by melanoma. It is our hope that this special place will provide a community for those impacted by this disease and, perhaps, it is a place of support and healing for patients and caregivers alike.

We hope by providing this place for families, a community of support and healing will emerge. We know it is most important to honor the patient who fights this deadly disease and the caregivers who are survivors in their own right.



The Skin Check Tent

Drs. Ariano and Gray generously donated time to provide free skin cancer screenings and recommend follow-up when necessary. Early detection and awareness are key components of our mission.



More Highlights

Jack's Marathon Team Recognized - Many of our local marathon team members were in attendance for "This Run's For Jack." They were honored on stage for their dedication and perseverance in training and running the 2007 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. Jack's Marathon Team raised a record amount and presented a check for \$47,707 to Jack's Fund. The team raised these funds in a concerted effort to support research and awareness.



A Special Thank You

Volunteers, Committee Members and Board Members – a heartfelt thank you to each and everyone.

Advanced Healthcare Associates – a continued and loyal supporter of Jack's Fund. Susie Warden and staff were on hand to provide massages for the participants and community in attendance.

The Parkview Church Youth Group – slept in tents and were up before dawn to help setup before the race and cleanup after the race. This wonderful group



of young people also assisted at the Kid's Obstacle Course and other positions around the course.

Stage Announcers - Bill Nicholson and Dan Purdom returned for yet another year of exciting music and commentary.

Photographers - Eric Lekacz, Juan Ortega and Paul Zumbrook magically captured the event with professional photos and video of "This Run's For Jack" participants before the race, on the course and at the finish line.

Medical Professionals - Lynn Menet and the paramedics from Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Dept. were on hand to address medical needs.

This race would not happen without the assistance of many, many more. To see the full list of sponsors and supporters, [click here](#).

Photo Gallery: Please check website in the next few weeks for updated pictures of the 2007 "This Run's For Jack".



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