



## **Title Sponsor named for Indianapolis Marathon and Half Marathon** *Community Health Network reinforces event's health and fitness focus*

**Indianapolis, IN---**Race Director and founder Joel Sauer announced today that Community Health Network has signed on as title sponsor of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Indianapolis Marathon and Half Marathon, Family 5K, and Kids Marathon. The races, which will be held this fall on October 17, start and finish in the beautiful and historical Fort Benjamin Harrison on the Indianapolis eastside, in the city of Lawrence.

“Both within and outside of the running and walking communities, marathons represent health and fitness, internal drive, perseverance, dreams and accomplishment,” said Sauer, “Having a strong health care partner like Community Health Network serve as our title sponsor reinforces this health and fitness focus.”

The 2008 event had a record year, drawing over 5,900 participants of all abilities, ages, ethnic backgrounds, runners, walkers and wheelchair athletes. The race hosted the Road Runners Club of America Indiana State Championship Race for the marathon and half marathon. The Indianapolis Marathon is also a qualifying event for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

“With our mission of improving and preserving health, we are called to help residents throughout the Indianapolis community get healthy,” said Sue Reibold, vice president of marketing and communications at Community Health Network. “This successful event creates an enjoyable atmosphere for all involved, while emphasizing the importance of active lifestyles for Indianapolis-area residents.”

The Indianapolis Marathon Road Runners Club is a non-profit organization and produces the event. The race benefits local charities such as KIDS Inc. (a non-profit organization working with youth in the Fountain Square area of Indianapolis) and many other charities, as well as school and church volunteer groups, and has raised over a half-million dollars.

For more information or to register for the event go to [www.IndianapolisMarathon.com](http://www.IndianapolisMarathon.com).