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## **CITY OF LAWRENCE TO HOST 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS MARATHON & HALF MARATHON PRESENTED BY CARDINAL FITNESS**

LAWRENCE, IN: Mayor Deborah Cantwell will once again fire the starter gun for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Marathon & Half Marathon on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Beginning at the Sterrett Center, 8950 Otis Avenue, in Lawrence, the participants will walk/run a course through the historic Ft. Harrison.

“We look forward to hosting this race every year,” said Mayor Cantwell. “It is a wonderful event that promotes health and fitness, as well as competition and a sense of accomplishment. It provides a great opportunity to bring thousands of participants to enjoy a scenic course through the city and enjoy Lawrence hospitality.”

The marathon/half marathon continues to grow in popularity. Last year, there were 2,750 registered participants and this year, over 4,200 are currently registered and the number is expected to reach the newly determined CAP of 4,500 runners. The event has also been selected to host the Road Runners Club of America Indiana State Championship Race for both the Full Marathon and Half Marathon. The Indianapolis Marathon is a prestigious Boston marathon qualifying race.

Over the years, the event has partnered with several charities, with its main emphasis on K.I.D.S. Inc., an organization that works with youth on the near-South side of downtown. Other charities include the Leukemia Society Team in Training Program and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation’s Team MS.

For more information, please contact Race Director Joel Sauer at [rd@indianapolismarathon.com](mailto:rd@indianapolismarathon.com), or Race Administrator Jeff Graves at 294-3622.

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