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## Temporary street closures for the Kansas City Marathon

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 6, 2014) – Saturday, October 18 an estimated 12,000 people will be participating in the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds. This major community event includes a full marathon, half marathon, team relay, five-kilometer run and a 1.2-mile kids marathon.

The 26.2-mile marathon course will take runners along a route that will highlight Kansas City. Runners will start by running through historic downtown past Sprint Center and Power & Light District. They will pass Union Station, the Liberty Memorial, Westport, the Country Club Plaza, 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine, historic Hyde Park and Brookside.

“The crowds of spectators along the course have been growing every year,” said President & CEO Kathy Nelson. “One of the reasons our out-of-town participants keep coming back is because of all the encouraging support along the route.”

To ensure runner safety, the course will close at 7 a.m. ([see attached map for details](#)). Police and race officials will allow traffic to cross the course until runners approach affected intersections and as breaks between participants warrant. All roads will reopen at approximately 1 p.m.

In addition, Washington Square Park next to the Crown Center Shopping Center, will close at 5 p.m. Friday, October 17 for setup of the Finish Line Festival presented by BNY Mellon. Please be aware that any cars parked starting at noon on Friday, October 17 along Pershing and Grand streets will be towed. Parking is available at the Crown Center parking garage.

The Kansas City Sports Commission and the Marathon Steering Committee would like to thank the Kansas City community for their continuing support of the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds.

### **About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation**

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefits the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to foster and create amateur sports by promoting the overall benefits of fitness to the youth and general public of Greater Kansas City.

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