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Team World Vision launches team to participate in the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon in October

KANSAS CITY, MO (July 27, 2015) – Close to 400 local Kansas City residents will be participating in the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon and Half Marathon to raise funds for the nonprofit organization World Vision, through their endurance program Team World Vision. Team World Vision invites people into endurance races, community advocacy, and social giving to provide clean water in Africa.

Team World Vision began in 2006 with 100 runners at the Chicago Marathon. Since then, the ten-year-old charity program now partners with forty races across the country and has raised more than 20 million dollars for children and communities in Africa.

This will be Team World Vision's inaugural year at the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon. National Director of Team World Vision, Michael Chitwood said "We couldn't be more excited to partner with the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon this year. I'm excited to say this will be one of our biggest teams at an inaugural event in our ten year history. We're looking forward to a long partnership with this great race to see thousands of children benefit and receive access to clean water in communities of Africa."

Currently, 748 million people in the world lack access to safe drinking water. Every day, nearly 1,600 children die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and improper hygiene—more than from AIDS and malaria combined. As of today, World Vision is the largest non-government provider of clean water in the developing world and participants of Team World Vision around Kansas City are activating and training for the race so that others may have safe water and life.

"We couldn't be more pleased with our Team World Vision partnership," said Sarah Dee, KC Marathon Race Director. "It's been a fantastic experience learning about the success of this charity and the great work they do."

The Kansas City Team World Vision Community is currently made up of seven partnerships and three different training groups throughout the city: NE Kansas City Team World Vision Group, SE Kansas City Team and SW Kansas City Team. Each training site holds weekly group runs on Saturday mornings to make sure a group run is available for participants throughout the metro area. Group training for the full and half-marathon is also available to the community by visiting their website at www.teamworldvision.org/grouprun.

For more information about the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds go to the official website at www.kcmarathon.org. To learn more about Team World Vision or to join the Team World Vision Kansas City team, visit their website at www.teamworldvision.org/kansascity.

About Team World Vision

Team World Vision empowers people to experience radical life transformation through endurance races, community advocacy, and social giving for the sake of clean water in Africa. Team World Vision activates partnerships and community engagement to bring clean water to people around the world – helping create fullness of life for children in need.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

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