



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sarah Dee, Director of Events  
816.389.4191

## Temporary street closures this Saturday around Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 14, 2013) – An estimated 12,000 runners from 48 states and 6 nations, will descend onto the streets of Kansas City Saturday, October 19 to participate 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. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Children's Mercy Hospital & Clinic Weight Management Center are the official race benefactors.

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.

"We strive to make road closures have as little impact on the community as possible, while at the same time ensure safety for the runners and spectators," said President & CEO Kathy Nelson. "We hope the community will come out and support the runners on Saturday."

In addition, Washington Square Park next to the Crown Center Shopping Center, will close at 3 a.m. Saturday morning for setup of the Finish Line Festival. Please be aware that any cars parked overnight Friday along Pershing and Grand streets will be towed. Parking is available at the Crown Center parking garage.

Race officials from the Kansas City Sports Commission encourages Kansas Citians to come out and support one of the fastest growing marathons in the United States. The 26.2-mile marathon course offers many opportunities for local residents to cheer on participants as it winds through several districts.

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. And, promote the lifetime benefits of sports for youth through educational initiatives, tournaments and clinics.

###