



Media Alert for Saturday, December 5

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2009 St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend expects nearly 16,000 participants on race day

WHAT:

The [St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend](#) expects a record 15,500 runners in the sold out St. Jude Memphis Marathon, Half Marathon and Memphis Grizzlies House 5K. In addition, nearly 100 families will be participating in the new St. Jude Memphis Family Race. All races benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital®, one of the world’s premier pediatric cancer research centers. For the first time in the eight year history of the race weekend, marathon and half marathon participants will run through the St. Jude campus, between miles four and five, passing patient care and research facilities integral to the St. Jude mission of finding cures and saving children.

WHEN/WHERE:

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Time	Media Opportunity	On-site Media Contact /Phone
7:15 a.m.	Memphis Grizzlies House 5K Start <i>Third St. at FedExForum</i>	Tiffany Strange; 438-0025
8:00 a.m.	Marathon & Half Marathon Start <i>Fourth St. at Beale</i>	Tiffany Strange; 438-0025
8:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Participants racing through the campus of St. Jude <i>Shadyac Ave. to A.W. Willis*</i>	Ellan Maloney; 591-0183
9:00 a.m.	Top Half Marathon Winners <i>AutoZone Park</i>	Tiffany Strange; 438-0025
10:00 a.m.	Top Marathon Winners <i>AutoZone Park</i>	Tiffany Strange; 438-0025
1:00 p.m.	St. Jude Memphis Family Race Start <i>Third St. at Madison</i>	Tiffany Strange; 438-0025

**Enter the St. Jude campus through security gate located at Manassas and Gene Logan, south of N. Parkway.*

INTERVIEW

OPPORTUNITIES:

Wain Rubenstein – Race Director
 Dwight Drinkard – ALSAC/St. Jude Event Coordinator
 Top Marathon and Half Marathon Winners

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

More than 3,500 of all registrants are participating as St. Jude Heroes. These individuals have raised money for St. Jude by obtaining pledges from family and friends as they prepare for their chosen race. Last year, more than 2,400 St. Jude Heroes participated and raised \$1.4 million for St. Jude.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

To reserve media credentials and to download the 2009 St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend Media Guide, visit www.stjudemarathon.org/press.html or contact Tiffany Strange at tiffany.strange@stjude.org or 901.578.2344.