



## ***St. Jude Memphis Marathon Sold Out With Record Number of Registrants***

*Limited spots available for Memphis Grizzlies House 5K and new St. Jude Memphis Family Race*

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**MEMPHIS, TENN. (October 29, 2009)** – The St. Jude Memphis Marathon has reached full capacity with 3,500 registered participants. Limited entries are still available for the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K and the new St. Jude Memphis Family Race. All races, including the sold out St. Jude Memphis Half Marathon, are part of the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend to be held December 5 and benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital<sup>®</sup>, one of the world’s premier pediatric cancer research centers.

The registration cap for the marathon, half marathon and 5K was extended this year to 15,500, which includes 3,500 spots for the marathon, 4,000 spots in the Memphis Grizzlies House 5K and 8,000 spots in the half marathon. The family race has a limit of 200 family entries. The marathon committee established race caps in 2008 to ensure a safe and quality race experience for all participants. For more information and to register, visit [www.stjudemarathon.org](http://www.stjudemarathon.org).

Currently more than 3,000 race participants have registered as St. Jude Heroes. These individuals are raising money for St. Jude by obtaining pledges from family and friends as they train for their chosen race. Existing race participants can sign up to become a St. Jude Hero by logging onto [www.stjudeheroes.org](http://www.stjudeheroes.org). Last year, more than 2,400 St. Jude Heroes participated in race weekend and raised more than \$1.9 million for St. Jude.

For the first time in the seven year history of race weekend, marathon and half marathon participants will run through the St. Jude campus, between miles four and five, passing patient care facilities and research buildings that are integral to the St. Jude mission of finding cures and saving

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children. The St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend, presented by Juice Plus+<sup>®</sup>, is a collaborative effort between St. Jude and the Memphis Runners Track Club.

**About St. Jude:**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization. For more information, please visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

**About the presenting sponsor:**

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