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MAYOR'S FUND ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN 2013 ING NEW YORK CITY MARATHON TEAM

33 Applications will be Accepted for the 2013 ING New York City Marathon for Runners Interested in Raising Funds to Support the City's Hurricane Sandy Recovery and Rebuilding Efforts

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City announced today its participation in the New York Road Runners Charity Partner Program. Through this partnership with the New York Road Runners, the Mayor's Fund is providing thirty-three runners with a spot in the 2013 ING New York City who will help to raise money in support of the City's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Sandy.

"The marathon has been a symbol of the strength and unity of this city," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "New Yorkers always pull together in tough times, and this year's race will serve as a testament to our city's efforts to recover from the storm and bounce back stronger than ever. We are proud to have the Mayor's Fund participate in this 43-year tradition while supporting the City's critically important rebuilding efforts."

"This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the ING New York City Marathon – a great New York City tradition and event – while supporting those impacted by last year's storm," said Megan Sheekey, President of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

The marathon's general application is now closed but those still interested in competing in the 2013 ING New York City Marathon can submit an application to join the Mayor's Fund Marathon Team. Applications are currently being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. The Mayor's Fund will accept 33 applicants who will receive a spot in the marathon. These runners are strongly encouraged to raise at least \$2,500 for NYC Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Runners are also responsible for the registration fees paid to New York Road Runners (\$11 processing fee plus \$216 entry fee for NYRR members; \$255 for non-members; and \$347 for non-U.S. residents) For more information, please contact the Mayor's Fund at fund@cityhall.nyc.gov.

About the ING New York City Marathon

NYRR's premier event, the ING New York City Marathon is the most loved and most inclusive marathon in the world, attracting elite athletes and recreational runners alike for the challenge and thrill of a lifetime. The race has grown tremendously since it began in 1970 with

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just 127 runners racing four laps of Central Park. Now, more than 48,000 participants from all over the globe flock to New York City every November for an adrenaline-filled road tour of all five boroughs, starting on Staten Island at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ending in Central Park. All are cheered on by more than two million live spectators and a TV audience of 330 million.

About the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to innovative public-private partnerships. One hundred percent of donations in response to Hurricane Sandy are being dispersed to support relief efforts. In the immediate aftermath of the storm, contributions helped to support the supply and transport of emergency needs including hot food, toiletries, baby supplies, cleaning materials, warm clothing and medications for New Yorkers. The Mayor's Fund is now focused on longer-term rebuilding and restoration efforts, including sponsoring a network of housing counselors and legal service providers to help residents, mold treatment in homes, rebuilding and programs for nonprofit organizations and local businesses affected by the hurricane. For more information, go to www.nyc.gov/fund.