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2017 Mississauga Marathon kicks off the spring running season with another great turnout!



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Mississauga, ON – The 14th annual Mississauga Marathon had a fresh start for 2017, with Celebration Square hosting a brand new start line and staging area for the Full Marathon, Sal Guzzo, LL.B. Relay Challenge, and Half Marathon. Participants and spectators alike gathered next to Mississauga City Hall for a morning filled with pre-race anticipation, music and a warm-up held by SWAT Health. Yesterday evening saw 10KM and 5KM distance participants run through Clarkson and Port Credit, ending at Lakefront Promenade Park. A total of 8,120

participants took to the streets and waterfront of Mississauga this weekend, experiencing the best of what the city has to offer.

“The addition of Celebration Square to the 2017 Mississauga Marathon truly enhanced the pre-race atmosphere of our race,” says Elliott Kerr, Race Chairman and President of Landmark Sport Group Inc., organizers of the Mississauga Marathon. “It was very special to have everyone gather in the heart of Mississauga, and showcase our beautiful city.”

The Mississauga Marathon continued to provide “A Run For Everyone,” with five different distances and seven different events. Ranging from the Full Marathon to the 2KM Fun Run/Walk, participants of all ages and athletic abilities were able to experience the fun and excitement of Race Weekend. Events also include the Half Marathon, Sal Guzzo, LL.B. Relay Challenge, MNP 10KM, 10KM Student Relay and Novo Nordisk® “Hazel” 5KM.

For elite runners, the Mississauga Marathon is an opportunity to set their personal-best, and qualify for the prestigious Boston Marathon, with a little help from the 80m net downhill course. For the casual runner, the event is a chance to gather their friends and family for physical activity, and enjoy the on-course atmosphere of spectators, armed with cowbells, and local bands and cheering stations, cheering them on.

“We are extremely pleased with the turnout at this year’s event,” says Brody Coles, Race Director. “The on-course atmosphere was very special this year, with the addition of cowbells and bleachers for spectators at the finish line, cheering on participants. The overall atmosphere of Race Weekend was fantastic!”

Lucas McAneney, Burlington, and Truphena Busienei, Hamilton, were the first to cross the finish line for the Full Marathon event, with respective times of 2:26 and 3:06, while Bonsa Ganfa, Toronto, and Lyndsay Tessier, Toronto, took top place in the Half Marathon. Each participant crossing the finish line received a finisher’s medal to commemorate their achievement, in addition to additional prizes awarded to respective age and gender categories of each event. University of Toronto Mississauga finished first in the Sal Guzzo, LL.B. Relay Challenge. Top finishers on Saturday evening included Sergio Ruez Villanueva, Mississauga, and Tanis Bolton, Paris, in the MNP 10KM, Dylan Alick, Mississauga, and Catherine Rodriguez, Brampton, in the Novo Nordisk® “Hazel” 5KM.

In 2017, the Mississauga Marathon raised funds for 28 different registered charities through the Scotiabank Charity Challenge, with the help of participants, choosing to fundraise for their favourite cause. Donations will continue to be collected until June 7th, 2017.

About the Mississauga Marathon

Events include Full Marathon, Sal Guzzo, LL.B. Relay Challenge, Half Marathon, MNP 10KM, 10KM Student Relay, Novo Nordisk® “Hazel” 5KM, and 2KM Fun Run/Walk. 2018’s event will mark 15 years running.

For more information, including results and photos, please visit www.mississaugamarathon.com.



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