



Boston runners raise money for local non-profit



April 13, 2016– This year Gabe Donahue, Justine Ray, Colin Smith and Kyle Vernest of Boston will run the 120th Boston Marathon on April 18th as part of Project Hope’s Marathon Team. Since 2011, 91 runners have raised over \$1 million dollars for the families of Project Hope. The 2016 Project Hope Marathon Team is comprised of 21 runners from all over the country, all of whom will be at the starting line in Hopkinton. Many of the dedicated runners have trained throughout the New England winter -- spending hours training through

snowstorms and on slippery sidewalks. The Project Hope team has worked tirelessly to raise money for Boston’s families in need, and they are hoping to exceed their goal of \$150,000 by Monday. To help, visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/ProjectHopeBoston2016/fundraiser/prohope>.

Project Hope primarily serves very low income, single mothers with young or school-age children and who are challenged by poverty, homelessness, lack of education and histories of violence. Project Hope helps these women develop the tools and confidence needed to take control of their lives and seek a better future for their children. Breaking the cycle of poverty enables them to serve as role models for their children, and leads many women to become powerful catalysts for community change. Through our Speakers Bureau, women engage in public speaking opportunities to ensure the voices of those who experience homelessness and poverty are heard in the public arena.

For more information about Project Hope, please visit www.prohope.org.