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PROJECT HOPE MARATHON TEAM CLOSES IN ON \$1 MILLION FUNDRAISING MARK

19 First-Time Team Runners Scheduled to Run for the Project Hope Cause

BOSTON, MA (April XX, 2015) – Their times ranged from 3 hours and 24 minutes to over 6 hours. Some crossed the finish line looking fresh as a daisy, others collapsed in a heap.

Yet two things united all 25 people who ran the recent Boston Marathon on behalf of Project Hope:

- They all finished the race.
- They all raised funds for the critical work being done by [Project Hope](#), a multi-service agency at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty.

What's more, the 2015 Project Hope Marathon Team finds itself close to a major financial milestone. Project Hope has fielded a Boston Marathon team since 2011. The total fund raised from 2011-2014 is \$834,687. With \$152,413 raised thus far by the 2015 team, the total raised by all of Project Hope's Boston Marathon teams is \$987,100 – less than \$13,000 short of the \$1 million mark.

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Because the runners are still collecting funds and even getting new post-race pledges (runners have until June 30 to raise money), as well as anticipated matching funds, the expectation is that the \$1 million barrier will be broken.

Elizabeth Zarrella Maglio, Project Hope's Director of Sustainability and Outcomes, expressed her appreciation not only for the amount of money raised but for the effort put forth by the runners.

“Obviously, we are thrilled to be so close to the \$1 million mark,” she said. “Needless to say, those funds go a long way towards creating life-changing educational and vocational opportunities for our clients. But just as impressive is the dedication and hard work that our runners put into the actual race. These are just ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing.”

The 2015 version of the Project Hope Boston Marathon Team included 25 members. While 14 of the runners currently live in Massachusetts, the other 11 represented seven other states: New Jersey (3), Virginia (2), Florida (2), and one each from New York, Illinois, Texas and Colorado. What’s more, of the 25 runners, 19 were first-time members of the Project Hope Marathon Team.

Project Hope provides low-income women with children access to education, jobs, housing, and emergency services. Project Hope also fosters personal transformation and works with the community and state for broader systems change.

More information about Project Hope is available at www.prohope.org.

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