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## Habitat Bergen named NYC Marathon charity partner

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Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County (Habitat Bergen) has been announced an Official Charity Partner of the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon. The race will take place on Sunday, Nov. 1.

"Habitat Bergen is thrilled to partner, once again, with the TCS New York City Marathon as an official charity partner," said Jacey Raimondo, Habitat Bergen executive director. "The TCS New York City Marathon provides an interactive platform for our passionate charity runners to fundraise and raise awareness for causes that are close to their hearts. We look forward to supporting our runners throughout their memorable journeys as they train for, and ultimately achieve their goal of completing this race, all while raising critical funds which benefit Habitat Bergen's mission of providing affordable housing in Bergen County."

Habitat Bergen was granted five runner entries and is seeking to fill the entries as soon as possible.

Nearly 300 official charity partners are expected to participate in the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon this year.

"We warmly welcome Habitat Bergen as an official charity partner for the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon," said Mary Wittenberg, president and CEO of New York Road Runners (NYRR). "All of our participants are inspired to run for reasons significant and special to them, and we are especially appreciative of those who make a meaningful commitment to run on behalf of one of our official charity partners. We wish the best to all of these runners as they begin to plan and prepare for an experience of a lifetime at the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon."

The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will feature a talented American and international professional athlete field, charity runners, and thousands of runners of all ages and abilities. More than 10,000 volunteers help to support participants across the 26.2-mile race route, which touches each of New York City's five boroughs, and is lined with more than one million neighbors and guests. Last year, NYRR celebrated each of the 50,530 runners who crossed the finish line and made the 2014 TCS New York City Marathon the largest in the world, including the one-millionth finisher ever in the history of the event. Participants hailed from more than 130 countries and each of the 50 states.

The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will again air live locally on ABC 7 and nationally on ESPN 2.

Runners that are interested in receiving guaranteed entry into the 2015 TCS NYC Marathon should contact Nicole Murray at [nicolem@habitatbergen.org](mailto:nicolem@habitatbergen.org).

The TCS New York City Marathon is the premier event of New York Road Runners (NYRR) and the largest marathon in the world. Held annually on the first Sunday in November, the race features the world's top professional athletes and a vast range of competitive, recreational, and charity runners. The race began in 1970 with just 127 entrants running four laps around Central Park, and expanded citywide in 1976. In 2014, a record 50,530 runners from 130 countries toured New York City's five boroughs, starting on Staten Island at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, and running through the neighborhoods of

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Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx, before ending in Manhattan at the iconic Central Park finish line. To learn more, visit [www.tcsnymarathon.com](http://www.tcsnymarathon.com).

The goal of Habitat Bergen is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the earth by working in partnership with people in need. Using volunteer labor and donated funds and materials, Habitat Bergen builds or rehabilitates simple, decent houses and sells them to low-income families at cost, but with no interest added. Habitat Bergen is a people-to-people partnership, which joins all of us together regardless of race, nationality, religion, or socioeconomic status. That partnership begins with the homeowner families (partner families). Habitat Bergen is not a giveaway program, but a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved in the work at various levels. They help with the construction of their own home, as well as the houses of their neighbors.

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