

## **Runners & Walkers Needed to Train for the Rock n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon and/or the Bank of America Chicago Marathon**

( South Bend , IN ) The Center for Hospice announced today that it is recruiting participants for Rock n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon on August 1, 2010 and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2010 as part of the National Hospice Foundation's Run to Remember® program .

Interested friends and supporters are invited to attend one of the upcoming two informational kickoff meetings:

**Tuesday, March 16**

**12:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.**

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

Education Center B (Garden Level)

5215 Holy Cross Parkway

Mishawaka, IN

Valet Parking is available

A free light meal is included for attending the informational meeting

By joining National Hospice Foundation's Run to Remember team, participants raise funds in support of hospice care as part of the training required for the event . Half the net proceeds raised will be returned from the National Hospice Foundation (NHF) to (name of hospice) .

Founded in 1978 by a group of dedicated volunteers, CHAPC has grown from a small, single county provider into Indiana 's Most Chosen Hospice Program, serving more than 300 patients on a daily basis throughout our eight-county service area: St. Joseph , Marshall , Fulton , LaGrange, Elkhart , LaPorte, Starke and Kosciusko Counties .

CHAPC, an independent, not-for-profit agency, allows individuals with life-limiting, progressive illnesses to be in a comfortable environment, usually their own home, with significant emphasis on managing pain and symptoms.

“Run to Remember participants do extraordinary work by completing a milestone athletic event in memory of a loved one, and by supporting hospice care on both the local and national level,” said Stuart Lazarus , founder and national director of Run to Remember . “It is always an inspiration to witness a group of like minded friends producing a phenomenal show of support to special local program like the Center for Hospice . ”

Run to Remember began in 2004 as a way to support hospice care and to assist participants to honor their loved ones' memories while completing races . In 2008, the program expanded from marathons and half-marathons to races of any length .

J . Donald Schumacher, President & CEO of NHF, says, “This program is so vital—it helps raise money for initiatives that we can carry out at the national level and also provides funds for local hospice care . And most important—it provides people with an incredible way to honor the memory of their loved ones . ”

While there is no specific “run to remember,” the Michiana Run to Remember group will focus on the upcoming Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2010 and the Rock n' Roll Chicago Half

Marathon on August 1, 2010. As a National Hospice Foundation designated Spotlight Race, participants will enjoy coming together with groups of participants from Michiana and all over the country . All they need to do is register for the event . Then, for free, they can obtain the tools and support of the Run to Remember program by registering at [www.runtoremember.org](http://www.runtoremember.org) .

More information about the services offered by the Center for Hospice can be found at [www.centerforhospice.org](http://www.centerforhospice.org) or the National Hospice Foundation, visit [www.nationalhospicefoundation.org](http://www.nationalhospicefoundation.org) . To learn more about Run to Remember, visit [www.runtoremember.org](http://www.runtoremember.org) .

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