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MARLINS PRESIDENT DAVID SAMSON TO RUN 50 MILES FOR CHARITY **Proceeds Benefit 10 Charities in Honor of *Marlins Park* Construction Workers**

MIAMI, FL - On April 27, 2012, Marlins President David Samson will run 50 miles to raise funds in honor of the construction workers who made Marlins Park a reality. 100% of the proceeds raised will be donated to 10 "Charities of Choice". To date, the run has raised over \$500,000 through sponsor and individual donations.

"Building Marlins Park has been a labor of love for thousands of people for many years," said Samson. "The opportunity to not only thank each of the workers for his/her dedication, but also raise money and awareness for ten very worthy charities, is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The larger and more interesting challenge is working together to effectuate change, both locally and nationally. Those who have donated have come to the same conclusion, and together, progress will be made."

The first leg of the run will start at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and AIA in Pompano Beach and conclude at home plate of Marlins Park prior to the 7:10 PM Marlins/ Diamondbacks game. The run will consist of five-mile intervals dedicated to a specific Charity of Choice, with a runner representing that specific charity joining David for the five-mile leg.

Samson has run many marathons across the country including four New York City Marathons, the Boston Marathon and the Miami Marathon. Earlier this month, he completed the Disney "Goofy Marathon" that consisted of a half marathon on Saturday followed by a full marathon on Sunday. Also, in 2006, Samson became the first active team President to complete the Ford Ironman World Championship Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii. In addition to swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles, and then running a full marathon, all in 15 hours, 36 minutes, Samson personally raised over \$250,000 for the Marlins Foundation, the Challenged Athletes Foundation ("CAF") and other local Hawaiian charities.

Run to Honor the Workers Charities of Choice:
ALS Recovery Fund
Challenged Athletes Foundation
Liga Contra el Cancer
The Miami Foundation – Miami Fellows Scholarships
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Jewish Federation of Broward County
Miami Children’s Hospital
University of Miami Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence
Stand Up To Cancer

How to Donate:

Pledges can be made at marlins.com/samsonrun. Log on to the site and select one of 10 charities and the amount of the donation. If you have any questions about your donation please e-mail foundation@marlins.com or call 305-623-6497.

Course Map:

