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Field Selected for the 42nd Annual Bank of America Chicago Marathon With Today's Non-Guaranteed Entry Drawing

Limited Entries Still Available Through Official Charity Teams

CHICAGO – Runners who entered the 2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon non-guaranteed entry drawing will be notified of their selection status today. The 2018 event welcomed a record 44,610 marathoners across the finish line, and a similar size field is predicted for the 42nd annual event on October 13, 2019.

"Today marks an exciting day for our 2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon runners as they begin their training journey to our finish line," said Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon executive race director. "I cannot wait to celebrate their strength, perseverance and individual stories 10 months from now. The Chicago Marathon is a race with a strong tradition of welcoming new runners and veterans to Grant Park, and we cannot wait to commemorate 42 years of running next October."

Runners who did not receive an entry through the drawing can still sign up through the marathon's official Charity Program; a limited number of entries are available. Since 2002, the Charity Program has generated more than \$185 million for local, national and global causes. Go to chicagomarathon.com/charity for a list of official charities and information on how to register by joining a charity team.

Runners who received an entry through the drawing will join those who guaranteed their entry into the race during the five-week application window. Guaranteed entries include Chicago Marathon and Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle legacy finishers, time qualifiers, international tour group participants, charity runners and those who cancelled their 2018 entries.

About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 42nd year on Sunday, October 13, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon welcomes thousands of runners from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, including a world-class elite field, top regional and Masters runners, race veterans, debut marathoners and charity runners. The race's iconic course takes runners through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. Annually, an estimated 1.7 million spectators line the streets cheering on more than 40,000 runners from the start line to the final stretch down Columbus Drive. As a result of the race's national and international draw, the Chicago Marathon assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating \$338 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2019 Bank of America Chicago

Marathon, a member of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 13. In advance of the race, a two-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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