



We don't want to be a big race... Just your favorite small one.

Welcome to the 2020 Miracle Match Weekend!! Toughest in Texas, No Bull...

So how goes the hill training? The hay is in the barn, folks, so enjoy your Miracle Match Weekend and get ready to meet your new favorite race.

When you cross the finish line, you will not only have done something worthwhile for your health and your ego (we know who you are), you will have also helped to raise funds to support marrow, stem cell, organ and tissue donation – a true “Miracle Match!” You will be able to join the Be the Match Registry™ if you are between the ages of 18-44 and in general good health (and we are betting you are) as well as the Donate Life Texas Registry™ at any point throughout the weekend. This provides you the opportunity to give the greatest gift of all, a second chance at life for a desperately ill cancer or blood disorder patient.

You have worked hard to get here. We want your race day experience to be a memorable one, and we are doing everything we can to make that happen!

See you on the Bridge!

Nancy & Debbie

Miracle Match Series Weekend Schedule

Friday, January 24th

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Registration & packet pick up
Waco Convention Center,
100 Washington Ave.

Saturday, January 25th

6:30 a.m. Registration & packet pickup for the one mile, 5K, Phoenix & Miracle Match KIDS **ONLY**. Registration and packet pickup will resume for Sunday events at 10:00

7:15 a.m. Warmup with Yoga! Provided by Yoga 8
7:30 - 11:00 a.m. Kids Festival, Indian Springs Park
8:00 a.m. **One Mile & Kids Marathon Begin**
8:30 a.m. **5K Begins**
Pancake Breakfast begins
9:45 a.m. 5K Awards Ceremony
10:15 a.m. **Firetruck Pull**
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration & packet pick up for all Sunday races

Sunday, January 26th

6:00 - 7:15 a.m. Registration & packet pick up
7:30 a.m. **Half- Marathon, 10K & Relay begins**
8:30 a.m. Be The Match and Donate Life Texas
Registration drive begins
9:30 a.m. 10K Awards Ceremony
10:00 a.m. Half Marathon & Relay Awards Ceremony
10:00 a.m. Texas Cookin' Cowboys begin serving
Breakfast Tacos
12:30 p.m. Course Closes (after that, run at your own risk,
but we will save you a medal and a beer)

Can't stay for the award presentation for your event?

We will be happy mail your very special medal to you should you place in any event (aren't small races great?) Medals will be mailed by request only and there is a \$5 fee to cover postage and handling.
To request to have your award medal mailed, send a \$5 check or money order to: Miracle Match Race Series, 11210 Whiterock, Temple, TX 76502. Please be patient and allow 2-4 weeks for your medal.

Thank you to our committee chairs for a great Miracle Match Weekend!

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Race Administrator & Registration: Debbie Mabry
Course Directors: Wade Durbin & Scott Prugh
Course Safety: Michael Graham
Registration Co-Chair: Cheri Hicks
Relay Chair: Kay Fromm
Miracle Match KIDS chairs: Pam Chick & Sandra Karnes
Finish Line Chairs Kay Williams
Miracle Match Webmaster: Renee Van Treuren
Race Emcee: Eric Romanov
Rest Stop Chair: Kerri Kretzmeyer
Cookin' Cowboys: Jon Marc Goodnight, Tim Anderson
& Chris Schmidt

THANK YOU!

Our Mile Marker Honorees

Just one of the many things that sets our Miracle Match apart from other racing events are our Mile Marker Honorees. Each mile of each race has been named in honor or memory of a marrow, stem cell, organ or tissue donor, recipient or patient searching for a match. We invite you to read about these incredible people on the posters at registration.



Make TODAY

the day you save a life!

If you are between the ages of 18 and 44 and in good general health, come by the Be The Match registration table and register for the Be The Match Registry™.

You may also register with Donate Life Texas™, the official organ, eye and tissue donor registry for the State of Texas. Registering with DLT is the only way to ensure that your decision to donate will be honored.

Thank you to our 2020 Sponsors!

Waco Running Company

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Waco Professional Firefighters Assn.

Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau

Glazer's Distributors HEB Courtyard Marriott Cameron Park Zoo

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church Independent Bank Emergency Ice Alliance Bank
McLennan Community College Active Sports Physical Therapy Texas Tech University**

In-Kind and Special Thanks to:

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Course Records & Milestones

October 2004 - Inaugural Year

Race Director: Jenny Grooms
Overall M&F: Paul Frost (2:54) & Kelly Gilliland (3:34)

October 2005

Race Directors: Laresa Trusty & Debbie Mabry
Overall M&F: Ken Hall (2:46) & Kelly Gilliland (3:14)

October 2006 Inaugural year for half marathon

Race Director: Debbie Mabry
Overall M&F: Hamlin Jones (3:12) & Elvira Alanis (3:36)

October 2007 - Inaugural year for Miracle Match KIDS

Race Director: Debbie Mabry
Overall M&F: Todd Reynolds (2:50) & Kelly Weaver (3:32)

October 2008

Race Director: Debbie Mabry
1st honorary race chair: Patrick Mancuso
Overall M&F: Juan Vielma (2:49) & Erin Quinn (3:42)

March 2009

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Kay Dunlap
Overall M&F: Chuck Engle (2:51) & Monica Huff (3:29)

January 2010

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Susan Wehmeyer
Overall M&F: James Cheruiyot (2:34) & Debbie James (3:09)

January 2011

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Alan Carothers
Overall M&F: Felix Marube(2:39) & Debbie James (3:33)

January 2012

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Ray Johnston
Overall M&F: Lamech Mokono (2:34) & Gail Illich (3:11)

January 2013 - Inaugural year for 10K & Fire Truck Pull

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Emily Iazzetti
Overall M&F: Rowdy Hurst (3:00) & Gail Illich (3:18)

January 2014

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Dillon Gasper
Overall M&F: Micah Tirop (2:41) & Maria Martinez (3:16)

January 2015 Inaugural year for Ultra Marathon

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Makenzie Motl
Overall M&F: Mark Goldstein (3:06) & Krystal Moos (3:29)

January 2016

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Susan Wehmeyer
Overall M&F: Grant Steiglitz (3:00) & Jeanna Lucas (3:23)

January 2017

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Jeanie Johnson
Overall M&F: James Pierce (2:57) & Dolores Valencia (3:17)

January 2018

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Gabi Ornelas
Overall M&F: John Bohemann (3:15) & Danielle Carey (3:22)

January 2019

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Joe Griffin
Overall M&F: Yusheng NI (3:02) & Yvonne Macauley (3:11)

January 2020

Race Director: Nancy Goodnight
Honorary Race Chair: Matt Shane
Overall M&F: TBA

YOU CAN TRACK YOUR RUNNER THROUGH RACEJOY

Racejoy is a mobile app for live runner tracking and cheers. If you carry your phone with you during the race, you can receive GPS alerts at mile points, people can track your cute little blue dot along the course and send you fun cheers or – lucky you – heckles.

We will also have the live tracking on TV screens at the start/finish line allowing for even better stalking of your loved ones, your competitors and your “frienemies.”

Download RaceJoy and start exploring
<http://www.Racejoy.com/download.html>

Finisher Food

Saturday races

Snacks are available at the finish line including orange juice and bottled water from Dasani. There is also a pancake breakfast sponsored by the McLennan County Sheriff's Association. Donations strongly encouraged.

Sunday - Party on the Bridge:

All participants can expect a party on the bridge with delicious breakfast tacos. Our award winning Cookin' Cowboys will start cooking at 10:00. In addition, Mars Wrigley Confectionery is providing candy to satisfy your sweet tooth. Water and sodas will be provided by Coca Cola Bottling to keep you hydrated and caffeinated! Our breakfast tacos are donated for our runners only. However, if 'athletic supporters' want to partake, they can make a suggested donation of \$10 or more to help cover our costs and increase the amount of funds raised for Be the Match.

Beer & Wine:

The Motor Shop, Miller Lite, Coors Light, and Glazer's Distributors have graciously provided our 'adult' (we use that term loosely) athletes with beer and wine to celebrate the finish line. You must be 21 years of age or older to consume. Please know security will be on site to control consumption and age limits. Be prepared to show proof of age, no matter how old you look after all those hills. Thank you in advance for your cooperation; Party On!

A few reminders:

Race Location & Parking:

All races begin and end in Indian Springs Park, 113 S. University Parks, downtown Waco, Texas, 76701. It's an easy walk from the downtown hotels to the starting line. If you drive, you can park at the corner of Franklin and University Parks, as well as in the Convention Center and Hilton lots.

Thank our Volunteers!

Please remember to thank our volunteers, especially if they are dressed like angels or wearing belly dancing costumes in 23 degree weather!! Give a special thanks to our firefighters on the course—many have been up all night coning and chalking the course for your safety!

Timing:

All events except the one mile and Miracle Match KIDS run are timed with a disposable chip timer on your bib. Make sure to keep your bib on and pinned to the FRONT. Please check the information on the label on your bib. If it is incorrect, please see registration BEFORE the beginning of your race event.

Bag Drop:

Available Sunday only in a marked area by registration. Please mark your bag clearly with your last name. Bags may be picked up in the finisher tent by the finish line. We are not responsible for any item left in the bag drop, so do not leave valuables there.

Pancake Breakfast:

A pancake breakfast will be provided by the McLennan County Sheriff's Department after our running events on Saturday. Donations are VERY appreciated.

Relay Station:

You are responsible to get your second runner to the relay station. A map will be provided in your relay registration packet with the information for parking at the relay point. Second leg runner – when you see your first leg runner, get ready to fist bump and pass the car keys.

Medical:

Many of our firefighters are registered EMT's. We also have an ambulance on hand courtesy of the East Texas EMS. All rest stops have emergency contact numbers – please alert the volunteers if you or another runner are in need of aid. Check the temperature forecast before you leave the house and plan accordingly – drink early and often, consume salt.

Headphones:

Yes, we allow them, but only if you have some Jay Z and Pitbull on your playlist. Seriously, we love running to our music too; we just ask that you be smart and considerate to your fellow athletes.

Rest Stations:

5K course - Rest stop at mile 1.5
Half Marathon, 10K, and Relay - Rest stations every mile to mile and a half starting at mile 1.5.

Restrooms:

Will be located at the rest stops.

Mile Markers:

Please take a moment during your run to note the very special mile markers this year. Each mile of the race has been dedicated to a marrow, stem cell, organ or tissue donor, recipient, or a patient waiting to find a matched donor. We hope as you run your race, you will think about the true “Miracle Match” represented by each of those individuals.

Social Media:

Yes, you know it's you... share on our FB page, Instagram, and use our custom snapchat filter on Race Day. It's YOUR MOMENT. Share it!

Reminder – roads are not closed to traffic along the majority of the route; be aware of your surroundings. Don't be 'that guy'.....

To our runners and spectators.....A map and description of all courses are available on the website, miraclematchmarathon.com, under the “races” tab. Cameron Park will be closed to traffic beginning at 7:00 a.m. We ask that all spectators waiting on the bridge for “their” runner to please stay on the side walkways of the bridge, not in the middle, so the runners have a clear shot to the finish line!



Finisher & Award Bling!

Saturday Events Awards

Miracle Match KIDS finishers will receive their completion medal when they cross the bridge (students must have their MMK bib on to receive their medal.)

One-mile runners will be presented a finisher ribbon.

The 5K runners will have medals for age group winners presented to them at the 5K awards presentation.

Sunday Events Awards

Our unique finisher medals and award medals for the Sunday events have once again been handmade by Waco fire fighter and stem cell donor, Tim Anderson. Awards will be given following the completion of the event.

Half Marathon Finisher's Bling Upon crossing the finish line, half marathoners can expect to receive the fabulous half-marathon finisher jacket. For those who registered by January 1st, yours has been reserved for you. After that, first come, first serve, so run fast, Forrest.

Phoenix Runners: Pick up your Phoenix finisher medal and half marathon finisher jacket at the award tent when you cross the bridge.

Jacob's Ladder participants: The Jacob's Ladder commemorative ladder can be picked up at the award tent when you cross the bridge.