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Team Framingham 2017 Boston Marathon Fundraising Charities Announced

Assistant Town Manager Jim Duane and former Board of Selectmen member Michael Bower today announced the names of the six local organizations chosen by the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police to participate in the Team Framingham fundraising for the 2017 Boston Marathon.

The organizations selected are as follows:

Framingham High School Foundation (Chief Kenneth Ferguson)
Framingham History Center (Charlie Sisitsky)
Friends of the Callahan Senior Center (Laurie Lee)
Hoops and Homework (Cesar Monzon)
Resiliency for Life (Jason Smith)
Voices Against Violence (Cheryl Tully Stoll)

At a meeting with the Boston Athletic Association today it was learned that the Town of Framingham will receive 22 invitational entries from the BAA for the April 17, 2017 running of the Boston Marathon. This is the same number of entries provided to Framingham in 2015 and 2016.

The lucky runners selected by random selection will be expected to raise a minimum of \$1,500 for one of these six organizations, with a fundraising target of \$3,000. Runners will choose the charity they wish to run for, with a minimum of two runners per charity guaranteed.

“The Team Framingham Boston Marathon program has been extraordinarily successful these past three years. Our Team Framingham runners have raised \$186,475 for local charities. 68 of our 69 Team Framingham runners have successfully completed the grueling 26.2 mile Boston Marathon course. We expect a high level of interest in the community and among town employees for a coveted invitational entry for the 2017 Boston Marathon,” Bower stated.

Applications for runners interested in participating in the random selection for these invitational entries are now available on the Town of Framingham web-site for downloading or at the Board of Selectmen Office in the Memorial Building. The application deadline is **Monday November 28 at 4 pm.**

<http://www.framinghamma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1323>

The random selection will take place on **Monday December 5** at 7 p.m. in the Ablondi Room at the Framingham Town Hall. It will be open to the public.

Submissions of completed applications can be made via email to MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov or by drop off or US mail to the Board of Selectmen, Marathon Bibs, 150 Concord St., Memorial Building, Framingham MA, 01702.

Inquiries or questions can be sent to MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov.