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Team Framingham Runners Name Devin Suau their 2017 Honorary Captain

At their team meeting on Wednesday February 15th, the Team Framingham runners named Devin Suau as their 2017 Team Framingham Honorary Captain.

In a story first reported earlier this month, Devin Suau is the 6 year Stapleton Elementary School kindergarten student suffering from an inoperable brain tumor.

<http://framingsource.com/index.php/2017/01/31/50000-raised-one-day-framingham-boy-6-brain-tumor/>

Devin's family has rallied overwhelming community support through a GoFundMe campaign to help fund what is hoped will be the first of its kind clinical trial for the type of tumor afflicting Devin. Much comfort has been brought to Devin's parents, three older brothers and his extended family through this community support and the following slogan that embraces the courageous battle this young boy is facing:

#whynotdevin: Be Brave. Be Strong. Be First.

The Team Framingham long training runs and the epic 26.2-mile journey from Hopkinton to Boston on April 17th have been dedicated to Devin.

The 22 Team Framingham runners continue their training and fundraising in advance of the April 17th Boston Marathon.

As of Saturday February 18, the Team Framingham 2017 runners have raised nearly \$25,000 for the following six Framingham charities:

- Framingham High School Foundation (3 runners)
- Framingham History Center (2 runners)
- Friends of the Callahan Senior Center (6 runners)
- Hoops and Homework (4 runners)
- Resiliency for Life (4 runners)
- Voices Against Violence (3 runners)

"In their first full month of fundraising, Team Framingham 2017 runners have raised close to \$25,000 bringing us to a four-year total of \$211,464 benefitting a diverse group of important local charities," Team Framingham 2017 Steering Committee Chair Mike Bower stated and went on to add "I am confident we are well positioned to top the \$250,000 mark in fundraising by the conclusion of this year's fundraising in May".

Residents and friends can learn more about the six wonderful charities on the Town of Framingham website by click on the link below:

<http://www.framinghamma.gov/2206/Team-Framingham---Charitable-Organizatio>

To make a donation to one of our Team Framingham runners click on the link below:

<http://www.framinghamma.gov/2207/Team-Framingham-Runners-and-Fundraising>

The team has a number of upcoming events that will help them to prepare for the April 17, 2017 Boston Marathon.

- Saturday February 25 – The fourth team training run will start at the Natick VFW at 8:00 a.m. and will be a 17.2 mile run along the Boston Marathon course to the finish line in downtown Boston. The runners will be bused from downtown Boston to the Natick starting point.
- Saturday March 4 – The fifth team training run will start at the Brae Burn Country Club in Newton at 8:00 a.m. and will be 10 to 18 miles along the Boston Marathon course to Brookline or Boston and back.
- Thursday March 16 – the fourth team meeting will be held in the Blumer Conference Room at the Framingham Town Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Paul Clerici, author of the book Boston Marathon: History by the Mile. Fundraising Coach Jon Marshall will discuss additional fundraising techniques. The Greater Framingham Running Club team mentors will be available for a Q&A on training for the Boston Marathon.

Members of the Greater Framingham Running Club and residents and employees of the town of Framingham who are running the April 17th Boston Marathon with a number from another source are welcome to attend team meetings and team training runs. These individuals need to send their name and email address to MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov so they can be added to our distribution list for emails with information on team meetings and training runs.

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