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Cancer Support Community of Delaware Selects The Half Moon Bay International Marathon For 2013 Destination Marathon Fundraiser

Each year since 2002 the [Cancer Support Community of Delaware](http://www.cancer-support.com) organizes a “Strides for Hope” team of runners and walkers who raise funds and awareness for the organization.

“Every year we pick a destination to do our race, and for 2013, [we selected the Half Moon Bay International Marathon](http://www.halfmoonbayim.org),” said Susan Dubb, Special Events Director of the Cancer Support Community Delaware. “In the past we have gone to Hawaii, New Orleans, Phoenix, Vancouver, Jamaica, Europe, Montreal, San Antonio, Las Vegas and Disney in Florida. Some of our participants are going through chemotherapy so I try to pick a race with a 5K so they can walk but I usually have 7 or 8 that run or walk the half marathon, I’ve done 2 myself.”

All Strides for Hope team members must raise \$3,000 each, and in return, all travel, entry and accommodations are arranged by the Organization. The funds raised help support free programs for people diagnosed with cancer in Delaware.

“I am extremely excited to be part of the Strides for Hope 1/2 Marathon team again for a second year,” said Amy Jenkins of Rehoboth Beach, DE. “I had such a moving experience last year I decided I wanted to challenge myself again this year. Cancer has touched all of our lives and I feel this is a wonderful way to give back to everyone I have loved and lost as well as to all of the survivors and friends and family fighting this horrible disease. The Cancer Support Community Delaware is a wonderful cause to donate to because they provide services to Delawareans free of charge that not only benefit people with cancer it also helps their families cope and it helps individuals who have beat cancer!”

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With the Organization's efforts this year, Delaware joins Texas in bringing the most athletes from outside California to the Event. Athletes from 38 states and 6 countries will join the Strides for Hope team members, who have traveled a great distance for a great cause.

The Cancer Support Community is part of a national nonprofit organization that provides support, education and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones. At all Cancer Support Communities, all programs are offered free of charge. More information about the Cancer Support Community Delaware is available on their website at www.cancercupportdelaware.org or www.cancersupportcommunity.org.

About the Half Moon Bay International Marathon:

Featuring "26.2 Miles of Running Heaven", the Half Moon Bay International Marathon (HMBIM) was founded in 2011 to showcase the unique beauty of the California coast along with some of the best weather a marathon athlete could ever hope for. The inaugural event in 2011 featured athletes from 25 states and 4 countries and sold out in two months despite very little promotion, and doubled in size in 2012 with athletes from 37 states and 6 countries. An official Boston Qualifier event sanctioned by the USA Track and Field organization, the HMBIM also focuses on creating an eco-friendly event to consider the precious coastal community and worked to attain official status with the Council for Responsible Sport, receiving the coveted Gold Certification from this organization in the Event's very first year. The HMBIM features a full and half marathon and a free JUST RUN 5k event, all on the same day.



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