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Perfect Weather Facilitates Course Record at 8th Annual 26.2 with DONNA

Jacksonville, Fla. (February 18, 2015) — Marathon Weekend saw clear skies, light winds, and ideal temperatures for the thousands of runners and walkers who participated in the 8th Annual 26.2 with DONNA events. The beautiful weather conditions also set the stage for a new course record and the fastest marathon time in Florida since 2011.

"This race was by far our best yet," said race founder Donna Deegan. "The crowds were amazing. Even the elite athletes noticed the energy out there. To be breaking records, and empowering people with cancer at the same time is pretty special."

Race Results

This year's race had the largest elite field in 26.2 with DONNA history and the top three men ran the fastest marathon times EVER clocked on the First Coast! More than 50 national and world-class runners from all over the world competed for the total prize purse of \$63,700 for the Marathon Event. Elisha Barno of Kenya set a Men's course record by more than two minutes with a time of 2 hours, 13 minutes and 19 seconds — shattering the record set in 2013 by Tesfaye Girma (2:15:40). Three of the top Men also broke the 2:15 record: Kimutai Cheruiyot of Kenya (2:13:57); Philip Lagat of the U.S. (2:14:17); and, Sammy Malakwen of Kenya (2:14:56)

Women's Marathon Winner is Serkalem Abrha of Ethiopia (2:39:10) followed by Hirut Guangul of Ethiopia (2:39:37), and Etaferahu Tarekegn of Ethiopia (2:40:01). Olympian Joan Benoit Samuelson placed in the top 10 in the Women's Marathon at 3:10:06. Marathon Winner-Survivor is Catherine Martin, 49 of Gainesville, Fla. (3:20:53)

Men's Half Marathon Winner is Brian Keno of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla (1:19:11), and Women's Half Marathon Winner is Julie Stackhouse of Jacksonville, Fla (1:23:55). Dave Krupski of Jacksonville, Fla. is the DONNA 110 Champion.

All results are available at <http://breastcancermarathon.com/run/race-results/>.

Fundraising Update

Just as the doors opened to the DONNA Expo Courtesy of Nordstrom Lingerie, it was announced that 26.2 with DONNA fundraisers met the Weaver Challenge — raising more than \$200,000 for a \$100,000 additional contribution from the Weaver Family Foundation! To date, \$313,000 has been raised through the Weaver Challenge. Fundraising continues through March 31, 2015.

About 26.2 with DONNA

26.2 with DONNA is a private non-profit organization in Northeast Florida producing the only marathon in the U.S. dedicated to breast cancer research and care. Its mission is to passionately produce world-class events to raise funds for ground breaking breast cancer research and women living with breast cancer.

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