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December 8, 2015

Greetings!

Registration opens soon! We hope you're ready to make your Monumental Resolution on January 1 when we open up 1000 discounted spots to save 50% on registration!

To help celebrate our enthusiasm, this newsletter highlights some of our most spirited volunteers who help bring excitement and motivation to the event, along with a remarkable monumental story and great blog.

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Monumental Resolutions are Almost Here!

It's almost time to make your Monumental Resolution! We'll have **1000 exclusive discounted spots** available when registration opens on January 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.!



The marathon spots are **only \$65** and the half marathon spots are **only \$50** - a savings of 50% on November registration. These spots go fast so be sure to register quickly!

Nothing will change your year like signing up for a marathon on New Year's Day!

Water Stop Competition: Winners Announced!

We love our volunteers! Without them, the event couldn't happen. Of particular importance are our aid stations - they keep our athletes hydrated and motivated for the entire course.

The winners of our annual Water Stop Spirit Competition are:



1st - Water Station Q - International School of Indiana



2nd - Water Station L - Indianapolis Public Schools Education Foundation



3rd - Water Station O - Warren Central Girls Cross Country

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of our tremendous volunteers!

Monumental Story: Out Of The Fire



A fire destroyed Mike Harding's collection of race medals. Out of the destruction, he learned why they meant so much.

"The room that mocked me with soot and the smell of smoke once displayed my most cherished treasures. When the firemen uncovered a melted pile of medals and plaques, what they were actually uncovering was years of my life; my memories.

For more than 5 years before to the fire, I had run over 40 races in more than 6 states. Each medal I received at the end of those races not only represented the race itself, but symbolized the relationships created and strengthened with each step of each mile that I trained for those races..."

[To read more of this incredible journey, click here.](#)

Bonus Blog: In Pursuit of Cookies



Dennis Branson spent a year training for TWO finish line cookies, and has the cookie-training to prove it. He recently shared his store with us in a blog post and we can't get enough of it!

"During group runs, my friends asked me the usual questions: What marathon are you training for, what training plan are you on, and what is your goal time for the race. I would always give the same truthful answer, **"I am running the Monumental Marathon, I am not doing any marathon training, and my only goal is to get two cookies at the finish line."** "

[Read the blog here.](#)

Want to Share Your Story?

We have as many Monumental Stories as we have participants - and we want to feature yours! Has running changed your life? Are you overcoming an obstacle to run our race? Share your story and be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters and on our website!

E-mail your story to: rhi.johns@monumentalmarathon.com

[Click here to read the Monumental Story Archive](#)

Gift Ideas for Your Monumental Runner

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Celebrate the Day



MarathonFOTO still has great pictures available from race day. Nothing says, "You did it!" like a commemorative photograph of your favorite runner's accomplishment.

[Visit MarathonFOTO](#)

Keep 'em Cozy



Training in the winter can be unpleasant. Make it a little better by keeping your runner warm through the harshest of conditions with this Monumental Hoodie!

[Visit Monumental Gear](#)

Give A Little

JOIN US IN SINGING THE
12 Days of Holiday Giving

*On the first day of giving,
my donor gave to me...*

- A fancy new backpack
2 pocket folders
3 packs of pens
\$25
- 4 hygiene kits
5 binders with rings
6 packs of crayons
\$75
- 7 scissors snipping
8 pens-a-highlighting
9 glue sticks gluing
\$150
- 10 packs of loose leaf
11 erasers erasing
12 reams of paper
\$250

ALL 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY GIVING*
364 items, over \$500

*Change the life of a child in Indianapolis
this holiday season.*

For every \$1 donated, \$15 of supplies enter Indy's
high-need classrooms.

[Donate Today](#)

For every \$1 raised, \$15 of supplies enter Indy's high-need classrooms through Teachers' Treasures. A great cause to give to this holiday season.

[Click Here to Give](#)

As the busy holiday season continues, we hope you take time to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

We're looking forward to 2016 with great enthusiasm, and hope that you're as excited as we are to make commitments and set goals for the upcoming year. We'll be back next week with another incredible monumental story!



Until next week,

Blake Boldon
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Indianapolis Monumental Marathon



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