

LEGACY *Newsletter*



Hello Legacy Runners!

Happy New Year! As we sprint towards race weekend we hope that our legacy newsletter update brings you a smile. We are excited to welcome you back to the streets of HOU for our 50th Annual Chevron Houston Marathon and our 21st Annual Aramco Houston Half Marathon events!



2022 LEGACY REMINDERS

- If you ordered the 50th legacy pullover, these began shipping on December 22nd. If you have not received it by the end of January please email marathon@houstonmarathon.com to follow up.
- Switching races is now closed. If a participant runs a different race than they are registered for on race day, their results will be ineligible to be scored and it will not be counted as an official finish.
- If you are interested in participating in the Virtual Houston Marathon Weekend of Events you can still switch! The last day to switch to the virtual events is January 13th at 5 p.m. CT.
 - Please note that participating in the virtual event does count towards your legacy status and does not have a time limit for the half marathon or marathon distance.

VOLUNTEER AND MEET HOU



The Houston Marathon Committee is looking for some of our legacy runners to fill volunteer positions at the legacy booth during EXPO hours. This is a good opportunity to talk to other runners and let them know all about the legacy program. Below are the available volunteer times for the legacy booth:

Friday January 14th, 2022 @ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (3 positions available)

Friday January 14th, 2022 @ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm (4 position available)

Friday January 14th, 2022 @ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (3 positions available)

Saturday January 15th, 2022 @ 8:30 am – 10:30 am (3 positions available)

Saturday January 15th, 2022 @ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm (5 positions available)

Saturday January 15th, 2022 @ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (4 positions available)

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER HERE

PRE-RACE REMINDERS



2022 Legacy Group Photo

On the morning of the race (Sunday, Jan. 16), all Marathon and Half Marathon Legacy runners are encouraged to join us for the annual Legacy group photo. The photo will be taken in Hall B of the George R. Brown Convention Center, underneath the Legacy & Pace Team banner. Please plan to arrive by 6:00 a.m. if you would like to be in the photo.

Legacy Merchandise

Legacy merchandise will be available to order online at www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com beginning Feb. 1, 2022. We will send out another email when the Legacy store is available. This email will also include all the information you need to know regarding merchandise details and how to order your gear. All Legacy merchandise must be ordered by the March 1 deadline.

Race Day Amenities

Restrooms will be available exclusively for Pace Team/Legacy runners at the back of Hall B, from 5–7 a.m. Security will monitor the access gate to this restroom. Only those with official pace team singlets and Legacy runner bibs will be allowed to access these restrooms. If you have switched races and are no longer receiving a legacy runner bib, please come see us at the Runner Services desk located in Packet Pick-Up to receive your wristband. After accessing these restrooms, runners must return immediately to the Pace Team/Legacy runner meeting area. Warming up is not permitted in the back-of-house space.

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

Randy Rendon

Hello to my lifetime family of runners,

I began this trek in 1982 and ran my first Houston Marathon in a time of 3:17. As I passed in front of Rice University at mile 10, I wondered if this challenge

was more than I had expected but when a Catholic priest splashed my brow with holy water I knew I was not alone. I hurt so bad from mile 20 on to finish in tears thanking Our Dear Lord for getting me through this ordeal. I did not have the strength to go back and look for my son, Paul, who started the race with me but was still out on the course so I sent my family to look for him. He told me later that he was sitting on a curb at Memorial Park to get his second wind. He finished the race with a smile on his face. Paul did not run another marathon until 20 years later. I said I would not do it again but two weeks later, I recovered and registered for another marathon. I have run 37 Houston marathons since that day and a total of 114 marathons, including four Boston Marathons. My successful career as a Texas police officer and police chief for forty years has truly been a result of my dedication to God, family and running. I feel so blessed to have sustained my joyful celebration of life. I am so proud to have shared my experiences with my sons, Paul and Emmanuel and my lovely daughter Crissy. My children have become accomplished athletes but admit that it started with running and have passed the tradition on to my three granddaughters.

Running has colored my life and filled it with elation, joy, pain, friendships and a true appreciation of Mother Nature. Experiences I will cherish forever and a few injuries which have indelibly marked my body. My sons tell me that I have warrior knees. I tell them that I have left a little piece of myself all over Houston, Texas. I am running this year for all the angels who have passed as a result of Covid-19. We have lost so many first responders including one of my former cadets and Georgetown Police officer, Michelle Gattey. My son and I came down with this dreaded illness last year before anyone knew what hit us. My recovery and attempt to return to running was once again hampered by a stroke which left me in the hospital for days. But I never doubted that I would heal because we marathoners don't go down easily and I did not run the length of this continent four times to end this way. So I will run Houston again for #38! It will be great to return home where it all began and see all the familiar faces and meet new friends, as well. Through the years I have come from accomplishing my first marathon to actually winning a few age group awards and a rating as a Masters All-American in 2015. What I learned along the way is what is most important: To living life at it's fullest and enjoy the ride. My granddaughter once asked my why I run. I responded by quoting one of my many heroes and that is: " I run because it takes me where I want to go".

Your friend and fellow marathoner,

Randy Rendon

WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?

We know every runner has a story and we're confident our Legacy Runners have some of the best! We're looking to share your story with our dedicated runners for inspiration and motivation. So share with us why you choose to run each year and keep your Legacy streak alive by emailing dhernandez@houstonmarathon.com - you may even be featured in our ABC13 broadcast!.

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