



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for your help with the St. Jude Runners team in the Marine Corps Marathon. On race weekend, we hosted our biggest ever St. Jude Runners team this year, and they were a demanding bunch! I cannot tell you how much our runners appreciated your presence to help them begin the recovery process after the race. The evaluations I received back after the race consistently mentioned the post-race massages, and many told me to book you for next year already!

The St. Jude Runners team is a program like few others, where the fundraising for St. Jude is completed long before the culminating event. Therefore, the marathon itself is the 26.2 mile "victory lap," and we work hard to make sure that it is everything we promised. This year, I feel comfortable in saying that our team members felt like the race weekend experience was worth the \$1,000 they each committed to raising, making the team a \$505,000+ endeavor. What a difference those dollars will make for the kids at St. Jude!

As you may know, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases, including pediatric AIDS and sickle cell anemia. It is non-sectarian and open to children on a physician referral basis without regard to race, religion, creed or financial status. All treatment costs, beyond any reimbursed by health insurance, are paid from contributions and events like the St. Jude Runners.

Again, thank you for your invaluable contribution to making the St. Jude Runners in the 2001 Marine Corps Marathon such a huge success. The children at St. Jude are lucky to have your support!

Sincerely,

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