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**BENEFICIARIES OF 2009 BOULEVARD BOLT ANNOUNCED**

Race for Homeless Set for Thanksgiving Day 2009

Nashville, Tenn. (Oct. 29, 2009) – Twenty-three local agencies that serve the homeless in Nashville have been selected to receive funding from this year’s Boulevard Bolt race proceeds, the 2009 Boulevard Bolt Steering Committee announced today.

Since 1994, the five-mile run/walk held on Thanksgiving Day has raised more than \$1.2 million to benefit the homeless in Nashville.

“The Boulevard Bolt’s mission is to raise funds for Nashville’s homeless. The 2009 beneficiaries are all agencies that serve the homeless and help meet a critical human need within our community,” said Dru Anderson, 2009 Boulevard Bolt Chairperson.

Last year’s recipient agencies used race funds to support a wide range of programs, from providing homeless youth with backpacks containing street-survival supplies to adding a hot breakfast program at a local soup kitchen.

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Boulevard Bolt will start at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 26, at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Rd.

The 2009 recipients will be:

Big Brothers of Nashville  
Campus for Human Development  
Davidson County Mental Health Courts Project  
Dismas House of Nashville  
Friends in General, Inc.  
Loaves and Fishes  
Luke 14:12  
Manna  
Matthew 25  
Mobile Loaves & Fishes  
Nurses for Newborns of Tennessee  
Oasis Center

Operation Stand Down of Nashville  
Nashville’s Table  
Park Center  
Renewal House  
Rooftop  
Safe Haven Family Shelter  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee  
Shade Tree Family Clinic  
Siloam Family Health Center  
St. Luke’s Community House  
United Neighborhood Health Services

The race drew approximately 8,000 registrants last year. It is open to all ages and offers a chip timing option for competitive runners. The course is an out-and-back loop along Belle Meade Blvd.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, registration forms will no longer be mailed to past participants. To register online, download forms, or to learn more, go to [www.boulevardbolt.org](http://www.boulevardbolt.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Brochures with forms will also be available at Athlete's House, Sport Seasons and YMCAs.

The cost to register is \$25 per person if received by Nov. 16, \$30 per person if received Nov. 17 to Nov. 25, and \$50 per person on race day. There are no group or family rates.

Online registration closes at noon, Friday, Nov. 20. Mail-in forms must be postmarked by Nov. 17. Walk-in registrations will be open until 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 222 Belle Meade Blvd. Race day registration will be onsite from 6 to 7:30 a.m.

The 2009 Boulevard Bolt t-shirt features an original Hatch Show Print design. Information about picking up t-shirts, race numbers and race chips is on the Boulevard Bolt Web site. Call 615-525-1815 with questions.

## ABOUT BOULEVARD BOLT:

The Boulevard Bolt is a collaborative volunteer effort organized annually by the following congregations located in Belle Meade: St. George's Episcopal Church, The Temple, and Immanuel Baptist Church. All funds raised benefit the homeless in Nashville. Each year, organizations submit grant applications for consideration by the selection committee. The committee comprises members from all three congregations. Since its inception in 1994, the Boulevard Bolt has grown from 2,500 participants to nearly 8,000 in 2008 and has raised more than \$1.2 million directly benefitting Nashville's homeless. Visit [www.boulevardbolt.org](http://www.boulevardbolt.org) for more information.

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