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**\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

**BOULEVARD BOLT STARTS AT 8 A.M. THIS THURSDAY – THANKSGIVING DAY 2009  
Mayor Karl Dean To Kick-Off and Participate in Race for Homeless**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Boulevard Bolt will take place at 8 a.m. this Thursday, Nov. 26, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Rd., in Belle Meade. Nashville Mayor Karl Dean will kick off the five-mile run/walk with remarks at the start line at 7:45 a.m. and also participate in the race. Last year, the race drew approximately 8,000 registrants.

The 2009 Boulevard Bolt will benefit 22 local agencies that serve Nashville's homeless. Since its 1994 inception, the race has generated more than \$1.2 million in proceeds to fund a wide range of local homeless programs, including laundry facilities, hot breakfasts, street-survival gear and medical care.

**WHAT:** Annual 5-mile run/walk to benefit Nashville's homeless (timing chips available)

**WHEN:** Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, at 8 a.m.

- 6 to 7:30 a.m. – Registration (Advance registration is open until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 222 Belle Meade Blvd.)
- 7:45 a.m. – Mayor Karl Dean gives remarks at start line, then joins in race
- 8 a.m. – Race starts
- 9:30 a.m. – Awards ceremony for winners

**WHERE:** St. George's Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Rd. (at Belle Meade Blvd.)

**COST:** \$30 per person in advance; \$50 per person on day of race

**ABOUT:** The Boulevard Bolt is a volunteer effort organized annually by members of three Belle Meade congregations – St. George's Episcopal Church, The Temple, and Immanuel Baptist Church. Proceeds benefit the homeless in Nashville. For more information, visit [www.boulevardbolt.org](http://www.boulevardbolt.org).

**\*\*MEDIA:** Mayor Karl Dean, Boulevard Bolt organizers, and officials from benefitting non-profit agencies will be available for interviews. On race day, they will be arriving on site at various times from 5:30 to 7:15 a.m. For interviews and information on race day, contact Martha Stinson, the event's media coordinator, at 615-944-5354 (cell), go to the media table (next to the volunteer table) or ask an event staff person to connect you with Martha.

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