



# THE DEION BRANCH FOUNDATION

Hello Family & Friends,

It's that time of the year again! The Deion Branch Foundation will be entering the 2015 Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon on Saturday, April 25, 2015! For the fourth year, Team Branch will be running the Mini (13.1 miles) portion of the race.

Because of all of you, last year we were able to raise a total of \$10,725! That's \$22,000 including the Branch Family donation match. We are excited to begin training and even more excited to see if we can reach our goal again this year. In addition to raising funds for the foundation, we will also be donating multiple small grants to non-profit organizations in need, who share our mission of supporting children's mental, physical and emotional well-being of children in our communities. In order to apply, applicants will need to send a letter on their organization's letterhead that includes:

- Introduction/Information on program.
- Amount of money needed.
- How the grant will benefit the children being serviced.

The following organizations were 2014 year's award recipients:

- National Meningitis Association \$5,000
- Home of the Innocents \$5,000
- The Arts Council of Louisville \$2,000
- Booker Autism Foundation of Learning \$2,000
- Indiana Children's Wish Fund/Pulling for Mason \$2,000

All letters can be mailed to the foundation and must be postmarked by April 1, 2015. Winners will be chosen at random and will be notified no later than April 15, 2015. To keep this event special for us, Deion will still be pushing Deiondre the last mile (mile 12)! Upon completion of the event, the Branch Family will MATCH ALL funds raised. We ask that you please join us and consider making a donation in honor of Deiondre and the Deion Branch Foundation.

You can also help by spreading the word. Please feel free to share on your social media pages as well as with organizations who you think will benefit from our grants. If you would like to volunteer or run/walk with Team Branch please send us an email at [deionbranchfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:deionbranchfoundation@gmail.com).

Help us make a difference, one mile at a time!!!

To donate, please visit the following link: <http://www.active.com/donate/TeamBranch15>.

**Send donations and grant letters to: Team Branch, P.O Box 568, Carmel, IN 46082.**

Thanks for your continued generosity, love and support,

Team Branch

*The Deion Branch Charitable Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer support to children's mental, physical, emotional well-being and for those inflicted with meningitis. The DBCF's mission is to help with research and to find a cure to ease the struggles for children like Deiondre, Deion's son. The foundation goal is to assist by providing programs and initiatives aimed at improving their quality of life. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*