

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ Title for the Fastest Marathon Distance in Relay Achieved by Kansas City's Top Sprinters

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title broken at 1 hour 30 minutes and 40.316 seconds;
\$58,000 for Raised for Local Charities

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, June 15th — Top track athletes from Kansas City area high schools and regional universities, along with several adult masters sprinters, achieved the **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS** title for the *Fastest marathon distance in relay*, previously set in Japan in 1998. The relay team included 60 sprinters carrying a baton 223 meters for each leg, with 188 hand-offs over a full 26.2 mile distance. The team broke the 20-year-old current record by over 8 minutes with a time of 1:30:40.316.

"We are so proud of our runners and volunteers," said event co-organizers Joe Ratterman and Phil Ratterman. "Everyone came out ready to give it their best, and the results speak for themselves. We are also extremely grateful to our corporate and individual mile sponsors for their support and encouragement to tackle this huge project".

The event organizers raised over \$58,000 to be split between two local charities, [Hope Faith Ministries](#) and [The Global Orphan Project](#). Corporate sponsors supporting the event were successful businesses in the Kansas City area and include Cboe Global Markets, Mariner Wealth Advisors, C2F0, Garry Gribble's Running Sports, Bob Hamilton Plumbing, and Crown Realty.

Sandy Ratterman, Executive Director of Hope Faith Ministries said, "This was truly an incredible event to help with and watch happen. Our board, staff and clients are very grateful to have been one of the recipients to benefit from this wonderful achievement. The money raised will help us to continue our mission of Answering God's call to serve those experiencing homelessness in the Kansas City area."

"On behalf of everyone at GO Project, we are honored to be a beneficiary of this event," said Mike Fox, Founder of The Global Orphan Project. "The radical generosity of all those who contributed to this event will go a long way in supporting our mission to care for vulnerable kids and families around the world and right here in the Kansas City area."

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