



## TEAM NECC – 2023 Boston Marathon

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The New England Center for Children is a private, nonprofit autism research and education center dedicated to transforming the lives of children with autism. We are a leader in the field, conducting and publishing research to further the understanding and treatment of autism and related disabilities.

Funds raised by Team NECC will be invested directly into NECC's programs to fund research on early intensive behavioral instruction, ensure students have the best equipment to meet individual learning needs, provide vocational training, support graduate training opportunities for teachers, promote our ACE® Software System, and allow us to share educational research findings with clinicians and teachers around the world. Fundraising truly helps us have an impact beyond our campus walls.

### Fundraising Support

The Development Department at NECC can provide fundraising tips and best practices to guide you in your fundraising effort. Over the years, we have developed a handbook containing tips, tricks, and ideas for fundraising events, sample solicitation letters and lists naming groups of people you could ask for donations. The school also stands behind you and will help amplify your message and encourage you along the way!

Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and we can answer questions, give advice, and offer suggestions. We can advertise fundraisers by promoting them on social media, in our internal weekly memo, and the bi-weekly newsletter sent to all parents. You must provide a detailed fundraising plan, but we will work with you throughout the process to ensure the success of your fundraising.

### Marathon Training

All members of Team NECC will have access to the coaching and resources of The Marathon Coalition—[www.marathoncoalition.com](http://www.marathoncoalition.com)—a group of marathoners who developed a training regimen for charity runners. The Coalition provides supervised training runs every Saturday leading up to race day, beginning in December. These training runs are usually along the marathon route and have water/fuel stops. All charity runners (more than 300 each year) come together to train, get advice, and share in the camaraderie of working together to accomplish the Boston Marathon and raise money in support of a great cause. These runs happen rain or shine!

There is no cost to you, the runner, to participate in the Marathon Coalition. **Participation is not required but it is strongly encouraged.**

*All pages of this application must be completed and returned by Friday, September 30, 2022. Phone interviews will be conducted for each candidate the week of Monday, October 3, 2022, and applicants will be notified if they have made the team the following week. Completion of this application does not guarantee you a spot on the NECC Marathon team. NECC reserves the right to extend this deadline based on number of qualified applicants.*





### 2023 Boston Marathon Health Policies:

The B.A.A. encourages all participants to be fully up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations prior to participating in the 127th Boston Marathon. At this time, proof of vaccination will not be required for participation in the 2023 Boston Marathon. However, all participants are expected to follow B.A.A. protocols and procedures related to COVID-19 mitigation and public health including, but not limited to, potential proof of negative testing, potential proof of vaccination, and wearing a face mask in designated areas. B.A.A. COVID-19 mitigation efforts are subject to change and will be guided by policies and procedures established by the CDC, state, and local public health officials in the lead up to April's event.

**Are you able to provide proof of vaccination?**  Yes  No

### My Motivation:

I heard about Team NECC from:

Please describe why you would like to run for Team NECC:

### Fundraising:

My personal fundraising goal for Team NECC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*While the required fundraising minimum is set at **\$10,000** per runner, Team NECC nonprofit marathon runners raised an average of \$12,000 last year. We encourage you to set a higher personal goal to help reach the Team NECC goal of \$50,000. Aim high and you will be amazed at what you can achieve!*

Does your company have a matching gift program?

Yes, my company participates in a matching gift program

Would your employer consider a corporate sponsorship for Team NECC?

Yes, my company plans to support Team NECC through a corporate sponsorship

I plan to raise funds for NECC through the following methods:

Potential donors (describe in detail):



My other (athletic and non-athletic) charity participation and fundraising experience is as follows:

**Running Experience:**

Running level:             Beginner                     Intermediate                     Advanced

Current weekly running mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

Typical training pace (minutes per mile): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever run the Boston Marathon?             Yes             No

Have you ever completed a marathon?             Yes             No

Best marathon time / location / date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to complete a marathon within 6 hours?             Yes             No

Will you be able to complete a 13-mile run by March 2023?             Yes             No

Please list your three most recent road races (include date, location, distance, and time):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of Team NECC, you will have full access to the resources and coaches of the Marathon Coalition ([www.marathoncoalition.com](http://www.marathoncoalition.com)). The Coalition’s mission is to help you train effectively and safely and to ensure that you feel fully prepared to run a full marathon. Do you foresee any conflicts in attending training runs held on Saturday mornings?             Yes             No

**Additional Information:**

Social media sites I use:             Facebook             LinkedIn             Twitter

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

My Hobbies/Sports/Interests/Community/Volunteer activities:

My Singlet Size:                     Men’s Small                     Medium                     Large                     X-Large  
 Women’s Small                     Medium                     Large                     X-Large

## The New England Center for Children® Terms and Conditions for the 2022 Boston Marathon® John Hancock Non- Profit Charity Program

Please read the following carefully before signing below.

**Fundraising Commitment:** A fundraising minimum of **\$10,000** is required for Team NECC marathon runners. Each runner is required to use the GivenGain fundraising platform exclusively. ***It is strongly advised that you raise at least half of your total by February 2023.***

**If you do not raise \$10,000 by April 17, 2023, in accordance with the practices of the John Hancock Non-Profit Program, the remaining balance owed will be charged to your credit card.**

**Cancellation Policy:** You may cancel your participation with Team NECC on or before November 10, 2022, by contacting Kim Ruscitti at The New England Center for Children, in writing. After November 10, 2022, you are responsible for the \$10,000 commitment, even if you are unable to run in the 2023 Boston Marathon for any reason, including injury. Donations raised and received by our office will not be refunded, even if you cancel by November 10, 2022.

**B.A.A. Registration:** The New England Center for Children will inform you of the details of the official B.A.A. race registration after your application is accepted. You should NOT contact the B.A.A. directly to secure your number.

**Release Form and Contribution Agreement:** In consideration of my accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights for claims and damages I may have against The New England Center for Children (NECC®), its employees, volunteers, officers and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered or sustained by me in said event, in the training and planning sessions for said event, or travel to or from any of the preceding. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for competition in this event, and a licensed medical doctor has verified my physical condition. I also grant permission for use of my name and/or photograph or voice in broadcast, telecast, print or any other account of this event and agree to waive any compensation for such use. I agree to collect a minimum of \$10,000 for The New England Center for Children by April 17, 2023. If I have not reached the minimum in sponsorships by that date, I will personally be responsible for the balance owed. I understand that unless I cancel by November 10, 2022, NECC and the John Hancock Non-Profit Program reserve the right to charge the balance I owe to my credit card after November 10, 2022.

I agree to have my email shared with team members for communication directly related to the program. I understand that at the time of my acceptance to Team NECC, I will be required to provide valid credit card information through the GivenGain fundraising platform.

I declare that I have exercised my own judgment in signing this agreement and I further declare that the decision to sign this agreement was voluntary and not based on or influenced by any representation of NECC.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_