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**2019 IKANO BANK ROBIN HOOD MARATHON EVENTS WEEKEND
CHARITY PARTNERS ANNOUNCED**

Goldline Events, the organiser of September's Ikano Bank Robin Hood Marathon Events weekend, has today announced its charity partners. Taking place Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September, Nottingham comes alive with a rainbow of first time runners, young and old, elite athletes and charity fundraisers.

Cancer Research UK remains as the headline charity for the two-day event, with a wide range of local and national charities being supported once again this year.

Judith Manson, Race Director, confirms: *"Charities are integral to the Ikano Bank Robin Hood Marathon Events weekend. We are immensely proud of the work of our charity partners and look forward to supporting them on their journey. The 2019 event promises to be another great year for charities to spread the word about the brilliant work they're doing while raising vital funds. Seeing runners of all ages participate on behalf of their chosen charity is incredibly moving. Running for a cause so close to their hearts really gives them that extra drive to push themselves across the Victoria Embankment finish line in September."*

The two-day race weekend provides the perfect platform to showcase a charity and raise vital funds. In 2018 9,000 runners took part in the world-renowned event raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for charities across Nottingham and the UK.

The event is proud to offer a range of charity packages; fundamental advantages include the chance to connect with communities right across Nottingham and the surrounding area, the opportunity to engage with participants before, during and after the event and charity runner places with a dedicated wave within the start zone. Manson adds: *"If you have already secured your place in one of the races and want to make each step count please support one of the official charities and help us make the 2019 event the biggest and best fundraiser yet."*

Partner charities as follows:

Platinum:

NSPCC - The leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK.

Gold:

ABF The Soldier's Charity – The Army's National Charity, providing a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families.

Bronze:

Autism East Midlands is the largest specialist autism charity in the East Midlands, supporting people affected by autism since 1968.



Equation works against domestic abuse and gender inequality in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Forever Stars is a Nottingham-based charity dedicated to supporting families who've suffered a stillbirth or baby loss.

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance is one of the UK's leading Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) Charities, funded purely by the generosity of the people of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

Stroke Association works to help those affected by stroke take back control, reclaim their independence and live their lives again. *Joanne Burr, Regional Fundraising Manager, says: "This fantastic event starts just across the river from our Nottingham office and we will be there on the day to cheer you on! The Stroke Association provides specialist support, funds critical research and campaigns to make sure people affected by stroke get the very best care and support to rebuild their lives. Every five minutes, stroke destroys lives. Help us rebuild them!"*

Local Partners:

The Children's Bereavement Centre provides early intervention support for children and young people, age 3-18, in Nottinghamshire and parts of Lincolnshire who are experiencing life-changing trauma due to the death or terminal-illness of someone they love.

Maggie's, a drop in centre offering free support to people with cancer and their loved ones. *Lauren Alcock, Centre Fundraiser Nottingham, says: "We love getting involved with the Robin Hood Half Marathon as it helps us to raise awareness of the services we provide to people with cancer and their loved ones. We need to raise £500,000 each year and we rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters. The funds raised through this event allow us to continue to support local families affected by cancer."*

Nottingham Hospitals Charity enhances patient care at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust's Queen's Medical Centre & City Hospital. *Henry Amor, Community Fundraiser, says: "We are delighted to again be a charity partner of the Ikano Bank Robin Hood Marathon Events weekend. Each year our supporters raise funds for areas of the hospitals very close to them; from improving end of life care at Hayward House to funding new services and facilities at our Children's Hospital, which is transforming care for over 60,000 young people across Nottingham."*

Nottingham Forest Community Trust brings joy into the lives of thousands of people by delivering a wide range of football related practical and educational programmes across Nottinghamshire.

Sporting Charity Partner

Notts County FC Football in the Community improves people's lives through sport and physical activity.

For more event and partner charity information visit: www.robinhoodhalfmarathon.co.uk

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