NEWS: Annual Runyon 5K at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, May 11, 2019

The 11th annual charitable run/walk is the only such event inside the iconic stadium. All funds raised support innovative cancer research.

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Registration is now open for the 11th Annual Runyon 5K, which will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Yankee Stadium. 100% of donations raised will directly support bold and innovative scientists funded by the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation. Since the inaugural event in 2009, thousands of Runyon 5K participants have helped raise more than $5.2 million for breakthrough cancer research.

“Each year, the Runyon 5K draws people from all five boroughs and the entire tri-state area, and beyond. From cancer survivors and their friends and family members to baseball fans and runners, all participants come with a common goal: to support groundbreaking cancer research that will save lives,” said Yung S. Lie, PhD, President and CEO of Damon Runyon. “We encourage anyone who has been touched by cancer to join us at Yankee Stadium on May 11.”

The Runyon 5K route starts at Gate 4 and winds through the ballpark’s concourses and ramps, and up the stairs between levels. Participants have the opportunity to take two laps around the warning track that circles the field, appear on the centerfield video board, and meet scientists funded by Damon Runyon.

The 2019 Runyon 5K is presented by MetLife Foundation.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019, Staggered Start

9:25 AM — Opening Remarks and Kickoff

9:30 AM — 5K Run/Walk Begins at Gate 4

Where: Yankee Stadium, One East 161st Street, Bronx, New York 10451

Registration: Participants can register at runyon5k.org for an early bird rate of $40 through February 11. The entry fee will increase to $45 from February 12 through May 1, and to $60 from May 2 through May 10. A reduced entry fee of $25 is available for children ages 5–12. 100% of donations raised by Runyon 5K participants will directly support bold and innovative young

scientists pursuing new approaches to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all forms of cancer. For additional registration details, visit runyon5k.org or email runyon5k@damonrunyon.org.

The Runyon 5K marks the latest chapter in the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation's long history with the Yankees. After the Foundation's establishment in 1946, Joe DiMaggio was on its Board of Directors and Mickey Mantle was an active fundraiser. Damon Runyon, who died from throat cancer in 1946, was a New York writer who began his career as a baseball journalist. He revolutionized how the game was covered and often reported on Yankees games.

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