



## **CHICAGO'S 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL 13.1 MARATHON® SERIES A SUCCESS WITH OVER 5,000 RUNNERS AND AN UNFORGETTABLE BLOCK PARTY**

CHICAGO, IL - On Sunday, June 13, 2010, the national 13.1 Marathon® Series produced by US Road Sports & Entertainment made its way to the Windy City for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, bringing out over 5,000 runners to Chicago's lakefront. The half-marathon started and ended at the South Shore Cultural Center, the site of the climactic closing concert in the movie "Blues Brothers" and host to President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama for their wedding.

Chicago native from Orland Park, Dave Strubbe, 28, a member of the Fleet Feet Nike Racing Team, won the race with a time of 1 hour 13 minutes. The male runner up was Daniel Kittaka, 22, from Chicago, with a time of 1 hour 15 minutes. The female winner was Kristina Maletz, 27, from Poway, CA, with a finish time of 1 hour 24 minutes and the female runner up was Palos Hills native Jill Czarnik, 21, with a time of 1 hour 28 minutes.

"This was my first year running the 13.1 Marathon – it was a familiar course along the lakefront as I train on it everyday," said winner Strubbe. "This race came at the perfect time since it is the last Spring race before I begin more intensive training for the marathon."

Runners enjoyed a beautiful course along Chicago's South Shore with a variety of music "party stations" along the way to keep them pumped up and motivated. An unprecedented feature of the race was the huge block party at the finish line featuring live entertainment, Chicago's famous Lou Malnati's pizza and more.

Boston (June 27, 2010) and Minneapolis (August 22, 2010) are next in the 13.1 series.

**ABOUT MARATHON THIRTEEN.ONE®** is the series of half marathons serving some of America's top running communities with a stand-alone half marathon for locals to embrace and visitors to experience. The series kicked off on the West Coast in January with 13.1 Marathon® Los Angeles (January 10, 2010) followed by events in Miami Beach (March 7, 2010), New York (April 3, 2010) and Chicago (June 13, 2010). The series will head next to Boston (June 27, 2010), Minneapolis (August 22, 2010) Atlanta (October 3, 2010), and Ft. Lauderdale (November 14, 2010). For more information go to, <http://www.131marathon.com/>.

### **About US Road Sports**

US Road Sports & Entertainment Group is a health and wellness company dedicated to the production of world-class endurance events. The mission of US Road Sports is to offer an unparalleled participant sports experience that showcases host communities and endures as a deeply valued local asset through events that are a part of the city's culture, identity and brand. For each participant, US Road Sports strives to offer events that allow participants of all skill levels the opportunity to improve their physical and mental health and accomplish life-altering goals while having fun. US Road Sports provides sponsors and municipalities highly effective exposure to help maximize their presence and message in the community.

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