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HAMBLETONIAN MARATHON TO CONSIDER ITS FUTURE

Hambletonian® Marathon, Half Marathon, and Good Time Trotters Relay

Goshen, NY – After his first year of being race director, Doug Haines has encountered the same issues that plagued previous years of the Hambletonian Marathon, Half Marathon, and Good Time Trotters Relay. The lack of runner participations and mounting costs of holding the event have led him down the same path as the original race organizers Kathleen Rifkin and Rob Dickover. The Hambletonian Marathon, Half Marathon and Good Time Trotters Relay in its current form is not sustainable. The Hambletonian Marathon, Half Marathon, and Good Time Trotters Relay will be postponed in 2018, affording the race organizers time to consider the event's future.

Over the five years of operation, the event raised more than \$91,500 to support the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, the Eva Fini Fund and its efforts to raise funds for Rett's Syndrome Research, the Goshen Historic Track, and the expansion and improvement of the Heritage Trail. This year the event distributed \$16,500.

The race organizers extend their heartfelt gratitude to this year's event sponsors, particularly IOMAXIS and R.I. Suresky & Sons, for their steadfast support during the formative and operational years. Thanks also go out to the hundreds of volunteers who made the event a very special one for those who participated. They were and will always remain the "face of the Hambletonian Marathon."

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