

## Team Hole in the Wall Runners Due to Surpass \$410,000 at Boston Marathon

## Inspired Athletes Have Best Showing Ever to Support The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

New Haven, Conn. - April 22, 2014 – Running inspired has never accomplished so much. This year, in addition to training to run one of the nation's most prestigious races – the Boston Marathon – Team Hole in the Wall athletes are due to surpass \$410,000 raised for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. This is the most Team members have ever raised at this event.

With athletes like Larry Grogin and John Renaldo on the Team, it's no surprise they have been so successful. In addition to completing 26.2 miles at the marathon, Grogin and Renaldo ran 224 miles from their home in Franklin Lakes, NJ to the start line, for a grand total of 250 miles. Supporters like Golf Fights Cancer, who donated \$125,000 to this year's Team, have also been instrumental in the fundraising success.

"This year's Team features some of the most committed participants we've ever seen," said Ray Shedd, Senior Development Officer at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. "What Larry and John did was amazing, and we are so grateful to what they, and all of our other inspired runners and supporters, have accomplished for Camp."

Team Hole in the Wall participates in the Boston Marathon through the John Hancock Non-profit Marathon Program. Thanks to the generosity of John Hancock, through this program, Team Hole in the Wall runners have raised more than \$770,000 in the past six years to support The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Team Hole in the Wall also receives support and additional entries from long-time partner Nestle' Waters North America for this and other events.

The Boston Marathon is part of a series of athletic and other events available through Team Hole in the Wall, which provides participants the opportunity to raise funds for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Runners participating in the marathon commit to raising funds to support Camp, which offers year-round programs and services to children and family members facing cancer, sickle cell and other serious illnesses. For more information about joining Team Hole in the Wall for a future event, visit <u>www.teamholeinthewall.org</u>.

## About The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

Founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is a community dedicated to providing "a different kind of healing" to children and their families coping with cancer, sickle cell anemia and other serious illnesses. Through summer sessions and family weekend programs at the Camp in Ashford, Connecticut, and year-round outreach to hospitals and clinics throughout the Northeast, the Camp serves more than 20,000 children and family members annually. All services are free of charge. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.holeinthewallgang.org">http://www.holeinthewallgang.org</a>.

## About Team Hole in the Wall

Team Hole in the Wall is The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's grassroots community fundraising program; providing an opportunity for people to take action and make a positive impact on the lives of the children and families we serve. Team members participate in athletic events or use their passion and interests to create unique community events while raising funds and awareness for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.