

-Jenny Arvidsson, Wayne, PA

Jenny Arvidsson is a lifelong runner and has supported UNICEF for many years. Jenny was born in Sweden and grew up on the countryside, where she started to love to run as a small girl. Jenny and her family (husband and two small kids) moved to Wayne, Philadelphia one year ago, where she currently resides. This is Jenny's first marathon and the culmination of a longstanding dream of running the ING New York City Marathon. Jenny is grateful for having attained a spot on Team UNICEF and is "able to support an esteemed and wonderful charity as part of her race."

-Jude Benoit, Greendale, WI

Jude Benoit was born and raised in Port-au-Prince Haiti. Lived and worked in the US since 1984. Knew about UNICEF by its involvement in soccer activities around the world. Always wanted to contribute the UNICEF's efforts to help children around the world; this is the right opportunity. This is her 2nd marathon ever.

-Sophie Bertaud, London, United Kingdom

Sophie Bertaud is running her first marathon for UNICEF this year and is both excited and nervous about the challenge! She is originally from France but moved to London in the UK at the age of 18 to train as a doctor. She is specializing in pediatrics and has a longstanding commitment to supporting the health and welfare of children, both within Europe and further abroad.

She is currently living in New York whilst completing a Masters at NYU and sees the ING New York city marathon as a fantastic way to get to know her new city - by running through it as much as possible!

-Tim Bezbatchesko, Long Island City, NY

Tim Bezbatchesko is a former pro soccer player turned desk rat and appreciates the opportunity to support UNICEF in its efforts to eradicate deaths by preventable causes around the world. Tim grew up in Ohio, played college soccer at the Univ. of Richmond, and then moved to Pittsburgh for two years after school to play professionally. After retiring from soccer he attended law school and now lives in NY and works in the beautiful game. This is Tim's first marathon (after failing to train properly for a previous race). Tim is looking forward to the support and camaraderie of Team UNICEF as the runners make their way to the finish line.

Tim would like to wish everyone good luck in his/her training and send a big thanks to UNICEF for all the great charitable work it has done over the years.

-Genevieve Boutin, New York, NY

Genevieve runs because it gives her energy to do all the things she loves. She is a person who tries to pack two days into one each day, and running helps her stay focused and clear-headed. She has two beautiful kids who are 5 and 7. She is from Quebec City, loves to travel and discover other cultures. She has worked for the United Nations since 1998 in various conflict-affected countries, delivering humanitarian assistance and working to rebuild societies, implementing peace building and reconstruction programmes after conflicts in Burundi, Somalia, Republic of Congo and Haiti.

She joined UNICEF 18 months ago after seeing the organization's work first-hand in country, and she now leads a team working on humanitarian policy within UNICEF's emergency division in New York. She will be proud to run for team UNICEF and will dedicate her run to friends and colleagues lost in the service of the UN, in Haiti, Somalia and so many other places.

-Xynara Croes, Dominican Republic

Xynara Croes de Jimenez is a 34 years old Dominican with a Dutch passport which she inherited from her father. Xynara is a former ad executive, who now stays at home with her two greatest joys, Xavier 5 and Peter 3. Xynara has discovered running while in undergrad as an international student in NJ in 1998. She lived between NYC, NJ and Boston where she studied and worked for a period of 8 years.

Xynara will be running the ING NYC marathon (her first) alongside her best friend and the love of her life, Manuel, whom she started dating 12 years ago while in their favorite place "NYC". Living in a third world country "Dominican Republic", concerned with the needs of those less fortunate, especially children, Xynara could not think of running and raising money for a better cause UNICEF. She hopes to meet you all at the end of this journey!

-Concett Davi, Lincroft, NJ

Concett Davi has been an avid runner for eleven years as well as an English teacher in Long Branch New Jersey and believes that children deserve a promising future, which is why she supports UNICEF. The NYC Marathon will be her first and she is running it in memory of her late friend Casie Kerr who was a track star; and to all the children who deserve a childhood and future rich in love and happiness.

-Ross de la Haye, Venice, CA

Ross de la Haye has been a supporter of UNICEF for several years and was inspired by the Team UNICEF's NY marathon fundraiser. Ross was born in Melbourne, Australia and had lived mostly in Adelaide. Ross was general manager of his family's retail and manufacturing company before moving to Los Angeles with his wife in November 2010.

This is Ross's first marathon and he is looking forward to completing this in New York and contributing to the enormous need of children in the most effected parts of the world.

-Laura Dickson, Stamford, CT

Laura Dickson grew up in Bournemouth, UK and after several moves around the country, settled in London 7 years ago to work in the City. Laura moved from London to Connecticut last year for a two year work project, and is an eLearning Specialist at FactSet Research Systems.

Laura has been running for just under two years and has so far completed several races of distances from 5K to half marathon. She is excited that her first marathon will be in such a wonderful city and is grateful for having attained a spot on Team UNICEF as it means she can support a very worthy cause in return for the experience of a lifetime.

-Paul Dieras, New York, NY

Paul Dieras is a motivated runner, proud of contributing to UNICEF's ambitions. Paul was born and

raised in France, within the vineyards of Bordeaux. He studied in Canada and Singapore, before starting to work in New York two years ago. He is currently working for Société Générale, structuring financing solutions for public infrastructures in the Americas. With the 2011 ING New York City Marathon, Paul is running his first marathon and hopes that many more will come. Having the opportunity to join Team UNICEF and help such a highly respected and devoted organization is for Paul an unlimited source of motivation.

-Bill Dietz, Grayslake, IL

Bill Dietz is a 57 year old runner who has run 8 marathons since 2005. He resides in Grayslake, Illinois and is in the wholesale produce business. He has always run each prior marathon for a charity, and as a longtime supporter, he is honored to run with Team UNICEF this year.

-Nicholas Doray, Brooklyn, NY

Nicholas Doray came to the US in 2003 and completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. After graduation, he followed his now-fiance to NYC, and has spent the past 4 years working as a commercial real estate appraiser at Cushman & Wakefield. He lives in Brooklyn with his fiance and Albus, his 10-week old puppy.

While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Nick was involved in AIESEC and volunteered in "big brother" organizations that worked with children in Detroit. His concern for health and developmental issues faced by children in developing countries grew following a 4-month trip to India, and he has been a strong supporter of UNICEF's programs ever since.

Nick's love of running stemmed from the quiet escape it provided from his superior officers while serving in the Singapore army. Since then he has run a few half marathons and has avoided drowning at every triathlon meet he has attended. The ING NYC Marathon will be Nick's first marathon attempt. Nick believes in zero, that the Wolverine's will come back to own the Buckeyes, and that, someday, he too will have abs.

-Hayden Fitzgerald, Laguna Beach, CA

Hayden started running this year and is proud to run with Team UNICEF. Hailing from Laguna Beach, California, he is an avid poker player and online marketing manager for a health website. Hayden began travelling the world last year, but his plans were derailed after breaking his clavicle in a bus accident in Thailand (the bus driver fell asleep at the wheel!). He hopes to continue his travels again in 2012.

-Alejandro Folmer, Miami, FL

Alejandro Folmer was born and raised in Argentina. After coming to the US for his college studies, he continued practicing various team sports, mainly rugby. However, after starting to work full time, showing up to work with cuts and bruises became a bit awkward so he decided to hang his boots. For the past ten years he has been running actively and recently started participating in longer organized runs. After finishing the 2009 Miami half marathon, he and his training partner (Felix) ran the 2011 Miami Marathon.

With the running bug, Alejandro decided to look for that team atmosphere he missed from other team sports. Having seen the positive effect that UNICEF had in rural areas in Argentina, joining the team was a no brainer for him. So far he has solidified relationships and started building new ones thanks to team UNICEF! Alejandro runs with the unconditional loving support of his wife Lisa and one year old daughter Catalina.

-Jaime-Alexis Fowler, Brighton, MA

Jaime-Alexis Fowler is thrilled to be joining Team UNICEF for her 5th marathon. An ardent supporter of international development causes--particularly those focused on health, women's rights, education, and clean water--Jaime-Alexis looks forward to contributing to improving the lives of children through UNICEF USA. By day, Jaime-Alexis manages online communications for Pathfinder International, by early morning light she trudges through the Brighton/Newton hills of the Boston Marathon course, hoping to one day run a marathon in less than 4 hours. Perhaps this year is the year! You can usually find her posting about various development-related issues on Twitter and Care2.com.

-Susannah Hall, Carlsbad, CA

Susannah is a yoga and fitness instructor in Los Angeles. She grew up in San Diego and was first introduced to UNICEF as a child collecting pennies while Trick or-Treating for UNICEF. Many years later, Susannah is thrilled and honored to be a part of Team UNICEF to raise funds and awareness towards improving the lives of children.

Susannah has been running races to mark important milestones in her life. It has always been a dream to run the NYC Marathon and this opportunity has come at a very significant time for her. She is grateful for this opportunity and every mile feels filled with greater purpose as a part of UNICEF.

-Courtney Hardt, New York, NY

Courtney Hardt grew up in a family of runners so when it was time to concur her first full marathon she couldn't imagine running any other race than the ING New York City Marathon. In 2010 Courtney was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award for her commitment to UNICEF. A native of California, Courtney has spent time living in New York, Bolivia, India, and soon to be Guatemala where she will be Director of Design and Product Development for Mercado Global, a non-profit committed to alleviating poverty by giving artisans access to the global market. Courtney is excited to be a part of Team UNICEF and hopes to inspire other runners to run for a cause that they support!

-Tomas Hlaváček, Prague, Czechoslovakia

My name is Tomas and I was born 50 years ago :-)) in the totalitarian Czechoslovakia, and now I live in the free Czech Republic. Sport is an essential part of my life. When I was young, I did professional rowing, which is still one of my hobbies. Up to now, I've run 25 marathon races. 4 years ago I went through encephalitis and since then I have been trying to get back to shape, both physically and psychically. Last year my son David and I participated in the anniversary Athens Marathon - it was his first marathon race ever and for me the first one after my illness. It was such a powerful experience! The next race can't be anything else than the NYC marathon:-)) I'm looking forward to experiencing the NYC in its beauty. I will be accompanied by my understanding wife Zuzana and my daughter Hana. I'm a

lawyer and we maintain a flourishing cooperation with several charitable organizations, mainly Člověk v tísni (People In Need). I'm excited and happy that I can be a part of the UNICEF team. On November 6th I shall stand at the start line proudly and gladly in the light blue team T-shirt:-)

-Cheong Sack Hoong, Stamford, CT

Cheong Sack, Hoong (Kenny) was born and raised in Malaysia. He started running in 2009 and so far, he has completed 4 marathons: Twin Cities 2009, Hartford 2010, Philadelphia 2010 and Toronto 2011. This is his first ING New York City Marathon and he is super excited about participating in one of the greatest marathon events. As a father himself, he always has a soft spot for children who are in need. He is a mighty proud supporter of Team UNICEF.

-David Ingram, Australia

David has passion for outdoor pursuits, and for those who know him it's no surprise that he moved from UK to Sydney seven years ago. Sydney is great place to live if you are into sports like sailing, windsurfing mountain biking and running. Since arriving, David has got more into running taking part in the local events including a couple of half marathons. David has ten years' experience in health service management. He has recently left KPMG where he was working as advisor to start up his own business www.splitit.com.au

Having seen the first hand the work that UNICEF do in the developing countries, David is delighted to be raising money to support UNICEF's goals while trying to achieve his own of running his first marathon.

-Manuel Jimenez, Doral, FL

Manuel Jimenez was born and currently resides in the Dominican Republic but is a New Yorker at heart. Having lived in New York for 10 years Manuel was a mainstay at New York City's classic running routes (The East River from 59th Street, Chelsea Piers, and Central Park) and was always exploring new courses along the way as a member of the New York Road Runners Club. With the support of his best friend and wife Xynara (also running the ING NYC Marathon with Team UNICEF) and of his number one fans, his boys Xavier and Peter, Manuel is devotedly training to complete his first marathon.

Manuel is honored to have been chosen to run with Team UNICEF and is committed to continue working on behalf of such an esteemed charity.

-Bridget D. Kennedy, Stamford, CT

Bridget D. Kennedy has been actively involved in charity work since the age of thirteen. She grew up in New Milford, CT with her parents, two siblings, and a large extended family. She has also lived in Heidelberg, Germany, and is fluent in German. She began running as part of a wellness challenge at work last year, and has continued since then.

Bridget considers the ING NYC Marathon a great life challenge, and is excited to realize this goal, while helping others by running with Team UNICEF.

-Venk Kidambi, New York, NY

Venk Kidambi is an avid runner and a strong supporter of UNICEF. Venk works as a finance professional

and moved to NY a year ago and decided to run the NY marathon as a way to get back into running after a long stint with heel injury. This is Venk's second NY marathon and he hopes to improve his time from over a decade ago. Venk is grateful to have attained a spot on Team UNICEF.

-Joost Kooijmans, Teaneck, NJ

Joost Kooijmans works for the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children. His office is based in UNICEF headquarters in New York. Joost is Dutch, grew up in Holland and has worked the last 20 years in Switzerland, Belgium and Zimbabwe. Joost moved from Geneva to NYC in August 2010. He currently resides in New Jersey and is a father of five children. This is Joost's third marathon, having previously completed the marathons of Geneva and Lausanne in Switzerland.

He looks forward to participating in the ING New York City Marathon, which promises to be a lot of fun. He is happy to have a spot on Team UNICEF. UNICEF is part of his daily work and a fantastic agency.

-Heather Krug, Marina del Ray, CA

Heather Krug grew up in New York and moved to Los Angeles 11 years ago to work in the entertainment industry. It wasn't until recently she discovered her passion for running and endurance sports and completed her first marathon in October 2010 in San Francisco. Three weeks before the race she injured herself but was able to keep going and finished the race in pain but with a huge smile.

The ING NYC marathon has become a lifelong dream and she purposely handpicked UNICEF as her charity of choice. She is excited to meet additional team members and looks forward to training because after all, the training is the real journey.

-Claudia Lebenthal, New York, NY

Claudia ran the marathon in 2009 and really wanted to do it again, but this time on behalf of a cause that was important to her. Claudia has been actively involved with UNICEF and has been hosting fundraisers for the last few years, and has co-chaired the UNICEF SNOWFLAKE BALL for the past two years. The SNOWFLAKE ticket is very expensive at \$2500 and she wanted to fundraise this year in a way that would allow smaller donations from a greater amount of people.

Running the marathon for UNICEF is an opportunity for her to train to achieve her own personal goals but with a greater purpose.

-Jin Lin, Ilion, NY

Jin Lin, is a rising junior at Columbia University. Ever since completing his first marathon his senior year of high school, he has since begun to enjoy the sport of running. It has been his college dream to run the NYC Marathon before he graduates college and has chosen to run for UNICEF because he support UNICEF's mission and profoundly believes that running for team UNICEF will be a life changing experience for him.

-Phil Lodge, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Phil Lodge is an educator from the UK who has lived in Dubai for the last 11 years, currently managing the Foundation and English Language Program at Dubai Men's College. He has also lived and worked in

Slovakia, where he met his wife and Saudi Arabia, where his 12 year old twins were born. Phil has been running to raise funds for UNICEF for 5 years and was part of Team UNICEF at the London Marathon in 2008 and 2010. A key part of Phil's fundraising effort is including awareness raising activities for his students and getting them involved in the experience.

Running the ING New York City Marathon has been a dream since first crossing the finishing line in London and the thought of what an incredible experience awaits makes those long training runs a lot easier!

-Scott Losavio, Baton Rouge, LA

Scott started running half-marathons in order to spend time with his large family. He has lived in Baton Rouge, LA, for most of my life, but regularly travels to join his parents, brothers, and sisters at races around the southeast. He teaches religion at Catholic High School and moderate the Key Club, an organization that fundraises for UNICEF every year. This is Scott's second marathon which he believes is an incredible opportunity to raise money for a worthy charity, spend time with his brother who is also running the marathon, and get together with his wife's family who lives in New York.

He is thrilled to be a part of Team UNICEF, and hopes his efforts in both the race and fundraising reflect his happiness and gratitude of being selected.

-Ben Mahler, Washington D.C.

Ben Mahler, a proud Wisconsinite by birth which has lived in DC for the last 6 years. He serves as D.C. United's Creative Director, guiding the Major League Soccer club's graphic design and advertising campaigns. His support for UNICEF started as a 3rd grader when he collected donations while Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF in a handmade penguin costume.

This is Ben's third marathon, having previously completed races in Vancouver and Chicago. He will not be running in a penguin outfit.

-Feilim Maxwell, Harding Township, NJ

Feilim Maxwell is aiming to complete his first New York City Marathon. Feilim is from Tipperary, Ireland and has been living in New Jersey for the past two years on a work placement from the UK for GlaxoSmithKline. This will be his sixth marathon, his first in London in 2000 was also as a fundraiser for UNICEF and he has been a supporter ever since.

Feilim is due to return to the UK in 2012 so was determined to tick New York off his marathon wish list this year and delighted to be able to again support UNICEF in doing so.

-Dominique Moore, Stamford, CT

Dominique Moore is a first time marathon runner, inspired by UNICEF and their efforts to create a better life for children around the world. Dominique is an architect currently working in NYC, after a stay in Haiti working as an architectural volunteer to help rebuild local schools. Dominique has always been fascinated by the ING New York City Marathon, and is extremely thankful for the opportunity to

combine the dream of running the race and the passion of helping others by being a part of Team UNICEF.

-Manuel Morales- Ruiz, New Haven, CT

Manuel is from Barcelona, Spain. He currently works in the sanitary sector and is therefore, acutely aware of how lucky he is to have access to vaccination or even clean water for his children.

Unfortunately, this is not the case for a lot of children in the world and Manuel believes that this is the most powerful fuel that will push him during the 26.2 miles of the ING-NYC Marathon.

Manuel is very happy to be running the ING NYC Marathon, and proud to be doing so in aid of such a worthy cause. This is not his first Marathon, but it will be the most motivating for him because for him the goal is beyond the 26.2 miles.

-Kee Morrison Moon, Portland, Oregon

Kee Morrison Moon lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband and two children. Joining Team UNICEF combines two of her great passions- women's and children's health and running. As a Labor and Delivery nurse who works in a hospital that treats underserved and immigrant populations, Kee has seen firsthand the ill effect of economic and social inequalities on the health and lives of women, children and infants. Kee has also volunteered as a pregnancy educator for incarcerated women and worked for Planned Parenthood.

An avid runner for 20 years, the ING NYC marathon will be her first marathon! Inspired by a childhood friend and running buddy, who will be running for the Nature Conservancy, Kee decided to run her first marathon raising money for a cause close to her heart. Kee is honored to run with all the amazing members of Team UNICEF.

-James Murphy, New York, NY

James Murphy works in finance and was raised in Ireland and moved to Bermuda eight years ago. He lived there for three years and came to the US five years ago. Up until 6 months ago James had never run more than five miles but he has recently been completely bitten by the bug and now loves training for the 26.2m. He has previously raised funds for Concern Worldwide so when he decided to run he thought it would be best if he did for a cause. James immediately thought of UNICEF as he is a great supporter of the organization's mission.

-John Ogle

John Ogle was an athlete in college and has been a supporter of UNICEF with his wife Anna's introduction several years ago. John was born and raised in Minnesota and came to New York to attend Columbia University, graduating in 1997. Post-graduation, John has lived the vast majority of the years in the New York area while working for investment banks based in Charlotte, NC and New York City. John currently resides in New Jersey and works in New York as an Executive Director for Morgan Stanley as Head Trading Strategist for Consumer/Esoteric Asset Backed Securities. John was inspired to raise awareness for UNICEF by the birth of his daughter Victoria (1.5 yrs. old) and inspired to apply for Team UNICEF by his wife's completion of the ING New York City Marathon in 2006. John is extremely grateful

to be a member of Team UNICEF and hopes to bring greater awareness to UNICEF's work to save children's lives worldwide.

-Rene Pelchat, Canada

Rene Pelchat is a Canadian entrepreneur in construction, dad of 2 active kids and has always been a passionate of the mountains, where his whole family practices alpine skiing during the cold winters. He started to run a few years ago, and discovered the beauty of the sport and a natural talent for long distances. He completed 3 marathons in his hometown town, Québec city, and ran a dozen of 10k and half marathons over the last years. Rene's dream was to run the prestigious ING NYC marathon and he is proud of supporting the great cause of UNICEF. His discipline and perseverance has made him part of the TEAM UNICEF, and he looks forward to participate in November, in order to help kids around the world.

-Leiselle Pilgrim, Cherry Hill, NJ

Leiselle Pilgrim was born in Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean and has studied at McGill University in Montreal, St. George's University in Grenada and is currently studying for her Doctorate in Physical Therapy at UMDNJ-SHRP and Rutgers Camden in New Jersey. Leiselle has been active as a competitive swimmer and competed in a sprint triathlon. This is Leiselle's first marathon and has always dreamed of competing in the New York Marathon.

She chose to run for UNICEF because children are dear to her heart and has always wanted to do what she can to help those children who are not as fortunate. Especially now with famine being declared and even more children dying needlessly Leiselle believes that this is even more important.

-Leo Rodriguez, San Francisco, CA

Leo Rodriguez is thrilled to be running his first big marathon as a UNICEF supporter. Leo has completed 5 other marathons in the past, but this will be his first time raising money and running in support of a great cause. Leo looks forward to this unique experience to help raise awareness of both running and of UNICEF. Training is just getting started and Leo can't wait to share his story with others in New York on November, 6th.

-Bryan Santee, White Plains, NY

Bryan Santee has been active and involved with sports all his life, but is new to competitive running. He grew up in Ohio, but now resides in Westchester County, New York with his wife, Marianne, daughter, Malina and soon-to-be son in January. Running the NYC marathon has been a longstanding dream since first moving to the New York City in 2002. This dream has been put on hold until now due to other life milestones. Now 2011 is the year, thanks to Team UNICEF. Bryan calls his daughter his inspiration for running and supporting UNICEF and he is humbled by the support of his friends and family for supporting his endeavor.

-Emma Tepfer, Brooklyn, NY

Emma Tepfer ran her first marathon in Eugene, Oregon in 2009. Since then she has traveled in Japan,

Russia, France, the Netherlands and Peru before finding herself in New York, where she is studying to be a nurse. She is excited to make the ING New York City Marathon as part of Team UNICEF.

-Alexandre Terrien, Paris, France

After graduating from high school in Paris, France, where he grew up, Alexandre Terrien left for a gap year that took him to India, Chile and Togo for travel and community service. In Togo, he witnessed firsthand the work done by UNICEF to mobilize resources and help smaller organizations gain recognition. Alexandre then headed to Harvard College where he just completed his BA. After two months backpacking from Bangkok to Moscow, Alexandre will start work in Paris at Le Laboratoire, an art science design center.

A regular runner, Alexandre was inspired to run the ING NY Marathon by a friend who completed the Boston Marathon and is excited -- albeit a little apprehensive -- to run his first long distance race.

-Kelly Thomas, New York, NY

Kelly Thomas is the Public Relations Specialist with Brooks Brothers in New York City. Kelly moved to New York City from Denver, Colorado in 2002 to attend college. Kelly is involved in community service both locally and internationally. Kelly is currently completing her Masters in Non-Profit Management at New York University in New York City. This is Kelly's first marathon. Kelly has always dreamed of running the ING New York City Marathon and decided 2011 would be the year to do it! In partnership with training / running for the marathon, she feels honored to run with Team UNICEF and raise money and awareness for an organization she full-heartedly believes in.

-Richard Toledano Jr., Miami, FL

Richard Toledano Jr. is a super competitive person with a huge heart. His family is very involved in supporting local organizations and has always provided better life conditions to the people around him. He was born in Panama, Republic of Panama but finished his education in the United States. He is Vice President of Grupo Toledano , one of the biggest food companies in the Republic of Panama. He has been also an athlete all his life; he was the number one tennis player of his college which was involved in NCAA competition. He loves challenges, competition, exercise and to help people. Richard is excited to run the 2011 ING New York City Marathon.

-Elkin Varona, Forest Hills, NY

Elkin Varona is an all sports enthusiast with little experience running but very excited and honored to be supporting an incredible cause, such as UNICEF. Born in Medellin, Colombia but a hard core New Yorker now, he owns a small IT consulting firm in midtown. His motivation to run this event is to reconnect with an old friend he plans to run with and to follow the example of the most generous and beautiful person that he knows: my wife.

-Kathleen Wade, Tampa, FL

Kathleen Wade started running at 16 around a school yard in her hometown in Connecticut and after 30 years has decided she's ready to run the slightly longer distance of a marathon. Kathleen is presently an Intellectual Property litigator with a law firm in Tampa, Florida and is looking forward to training in the

94° heat/90% humidity of Florida because “NYC is flat and hot in November, right?” Kathleen and UNICEF go way back to her days of Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, and she hopes those marathon walks of collecting change (and candy) carry her over the finish.

Although Kathleen is enthused to run her first marathon in the iconic ING NYC Marathon, she is equally excited about the opportunity to bring attention and support UNICEF’s Tap Project because as long as half-empty water bottles continue to be thrown out, then even one child’s death from lack of clean water is unacceptable.

-Andrew Wintner, New York, NY

Andrew Wintner was born and raised in New York, went to college in Wisconsin and has been teaching 8th grade in the South Bronx for the past three years. Andrew started running one year ago in the attempt to stop smoking. Once he started running he couldn't stop and has since ran three half marathons and two full marathons.

Andrew is incredibly excited for the NYC Marathon as all of his friends and family can watch him as he runs the streets of New York.

-Ari Wolfe, Brooklyn, NY

Ari Wolfe is a former college sprinter/hurdler who has been trying to convert himself to a road runner for the past 8 years. Born in CT, he has lived in Boston, Guangzhou, and Princeton but has been a proud Brooklyn resident for the past 3 years. He is working this summer for a startup company called "Nest Egg," which produces a financial literacy game, but is an MBA student at NYU Stern with one year to go.

Ari ran the 2010 NYC Half Marathon and decided it was high time to give the full marathon a go. He is excited about supporting UNICEF after having worked in international development in the past, and looks forward to meeting teammates from near and far.

-Kristopher Wood, Brooklyn, NY

Kristopher is an avid runner and supporter of UNICEF. Kristopher is originally from Lisbon, Maine and currently resides in Brooklyn, New York. Kristopher has travelled the nation providing concert lighting for some of the biggest music acts in the world. This year he will be running the NYC Marathon without shoes.