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## FRANK ROBINSON, TONY LA RUSSA, DWIGHT GOODEN, MLB NETWORK TALENT, MEMBERS OF '69 METS AND BARRY LYONS OF '86 METS TO JOIN FANS AT MLB ALL-STAR GAME 5K & FUN RUN BENEFITING SANDY RELIEF PRESENTED BY NIKE

## Fans Can Register Online at AllStarGame.com/Run

Hall of Famer Frank Robinson; legendary MLB manager Tony La Russa; former Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden; Ed Charles, Ed Kranepool, and Art Shamsky of the 1969 Mets; Barry Lyons of the '86 Mets; and MLB Network personalities Eric Byrnes and Sam Ryan will be in attendance at the MLB All-Star Game 5K & Fun Run benefiting Sandy Relief presented by Nike on Saturday, July 13th in Brooklyn's Prospect Park. Lyons, a Mississippi native, lost his home in 2005 to Hurricane Katrina. They will be joined by MLB All-Star Ambassador John Franco and ten mascots, including Mr. Met.

Charles, Kranepool and Shamsky have created the "Miracle Mets" fundraising team in honor of their 1969 World Series Championship. Four-time All-Star John Franco has created "Team Franco" to participate in the All-Star 5K & Fun Run Benefiting Sandy Relief presented by Nike. Fans can register to participate or be a part of these fundraising teams at AllStarGame.com/Run.

Participants have the opportunity to create their own fundraising team profile page online via a platform powered by Karma411. The top individual fundraisers will be rewarded with special All-Star experiences including tickets to All-Star events, throwing out a ceremonial first pitch prior to the Chevrolet Home Run Derby and the chance to join celebrities and legends on a team competing in the Taco Bell All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game. Awards will also be presented to the race's top male, female, youth and wheelchair finishers.

The 5K, an officially timed New York Road Runners event, will begin at 8:00 a.m. ET with the wheelchair division beginning at 7:55 a.m. ET. The family-friendly 1.5 Mile Fun Run will begin immediately following the 5K start. All registered participants will receive a commemorative event T-shirt. Registration is \$35 (adult) and \$30 (children 17 and under) for the 5K and Fun Run. Registration and event information is available at <a href="https://distargame.com/Run">AllStargame.com/Run</a>. Space is limited so participants are encouraged to sign up early.



Participants of all ages will make their way through an All-Star themed course inside Prospect Park that will feature appearances by MLB legends, mascots and celebrity guests. The event will count as part of the 9+1 Program to earn guaranteed entry to the ING New York City Marathon for New York Road Runners members

who meet eligibility requirements. MLB is working with New York Road Runners and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to organize the event and will donate all net proceeds to charities providing relief from Superstorm Sandy.

Additional sponsors supporting the event include Aquafina, Chevrolet, Duane Reade, Fox Sports 1, Gatorade, the Hospital for Special Surgery, Kellogg's, T-Mobile and Time Warner Cable.

Previous MLB All-Star Game 5K & Fun Run events have been held in St. Louis (2009), Anaheim (2010) and Kansas City (2012).

For more MLB All-Star Week information, please visit AllStarGame.com.

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