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Marathon Runners Travel from Greece to Fundraise for Hellenic Foundation

The Telmissos team of marathon runners traveled from the place of origin of the marathon race, Marathonas, Greece, to run for Hellenic Foundation at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 9th and raise money for the Psychotherapy & Counseling Charitable Fund.

Hellenic Foundation facilitated the coming of the Marathon Flame to Chicago for the first time and organized a Torch Run for the Lighting of the Marathon Flame, a VIP Sponsor /Welcome Reception for the Marathon Flame, the mayor of Marathonas, Greece, Mr. Iordanis Louizos and SEGAS (Hellenic Athletics Federation) Vice President, Mr. Panagiotis Dimakos at the Chicago Cultural Center. The space was generously sponsored by the Athens Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International and food by Artopolis Bakery, Café & Agora. The main event was the Standing Ovation Celebration held at the Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel in Greektown, where Hellenic Foundation's Executive & Clinical Director, Christina Sofiakis, and Board President, Mr. Louis Apostol had the opportunity to thank the marathon runners, their sponsors, dignitaries from Greece and Mr. Jim Kozonis as the Honorary Chair of the event.

All of the Telmissos marathon runners finished in the top 10% and Vlassis Karavasilis, Founder & President of the Telmissos team finished the race 259th out of 45,000 participating runners in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.



Torch Run for Lighting of Marathon Flame in Greektown



Ms. Ioanna Efthymiadou, Consul General of Greece with Mr. Vlassis Karavasilis, Founder & President of the Telmissos marathon runner team.



Mr. Vlassis Karavasilis, Founder & President of the Telmissos marathon runner team (left) and Mr. Taki Kastanis, owner of Yolk Restaurants.



The Marathon Flame outside the National Hellenic Museum in Greektown.



Ms. Arlene Butler, Hellenic Foundation Consultant (left) with Mr. Kyriakos Mellos, Daily Frappe and Ms. Christina Sofiakis, Hellenic Foundation's Executive & Clinical Director



Mr. Louis Apostol (left), Hellenic Foundation Board President with Ms. Christina Sofiakis, Hellenic Foundation's Executive & Clinical Director and Mr. Jim Kozonis, Chairman of the Athens Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International at the Standing Ovation Celebration Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel on the evening of October 9th.



The Telmissos team and dignitaries from Greece on the day of their arrival at the newly unveiled The Runners sculpture at O'Hare International Airport.



Mr. Panagiotis Dimakos, SEGAS (Hellenic Athletics Federation) Vice President (left), Mr. Vlassis Karavasilis, Founder & President of Telmissos team of marathon runners from Greece, Mrs. Kozonis and Mr. Jim Kozonis, Chairman of the Athens Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International at the Standing Ovation Celebration Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel on the evening of October 9th.



Hellenic Foundation staff on Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Day, Sunday, October 9th, at the charity check point in Greektown.



Ms. Sophia Stamatis, Hellenic Foundation's Director of Development & Marketing with Mr. Vlassis Karavasilis, Founder & President of the Telmissos marathon runner team.



Ms. Christina Sofiakis, Hellenic Foundation's Executive & Clinical Director with Mr. and Mrs. George Karcazes, Member of the Hellenic Foundation Board of Directors.



At right: Mr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director (left), Mr. Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Director, Ms. Christina Sofiakis, Hellenic Foundation's Executive & Clinical Director, Mr. Iordanis Louizos, Mayor of Marathonas, Greece and Mr. Panagiotis Dimakos, SEGAS (Hellenic Athletics Federation) Vice President



Hellenic Foundation Staff at the Standing Ovation Celebration Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel on the evening of October 9th.



Marathon runners and guest of the evening at the Standing Ovation Celebration Gala Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Metro Hotel on the evening of October 9th.