

MEDIA ADVISORY: One of the Nation's Largest Women's Focused Running Events Kicks Off This Week at Disney Princess Half Marathon Weekend

Live Stream Available for Morning Live Shots; Diabetic Runner Gives Back after Recovering from Debilitating Conditions

One of the nation's largest women-focused running events takes place **this weekend** as more than **49,000 runners** from across the nation and from 32 countries are expected to participate in the Disney Princess Half Marathon Weekend presented by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Many are participating in one or more events, including **more than 24,000 running in the 13.1-mile half marathon**, which travels through Epcot and Magic Kingdom.

Among those 24,000 runners is Angela Sipes from **Seattle**, who was diagnosed with **type 1 diabetes** at the age of 11. For many years, the disease was uncontrollable and eventually caused her **blindness, kidney disease, infertility and nerve damage**. Sipes **amazingly reversed these conditions** and now lives a healthy life. Wanting to give back, Sipes, who was treated at a Children's Miracle Network Hospital in Seattle, registered to run the Disney Princess Half Marathon to raise funds for the hospital network that supported her.

LIVE STREAM: The Disney Princess Half Marathon on Sunday will be streamed live on the Disney Parks Blog (<http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/>) starting at 5 a.m. EST. There will be two live streams - one feed will be produced with multiple cameras and social media content and the other will be a single camera shot of the finish line.

Media interested in covering the weekend events must contact Disney Sports PR in advance to arrange for credentials and arrive by 3:45 am Sunday for on-site coverage of the start and finish lines of the half marathon.

Event Schedule:

runDisney Health & Fitness Expo

Thursday, Feb. 19 | 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

Friday, Feb. 20 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

Saturday Feb. 21 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

Disney Frozen 5K

Friday, Feb. 20 | 6:15 a.m. at Epcot

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Friday, Feb. 20 – Saturday, Feb. 21 | 8:45 a.m. (1-Mile Run) and 9:15 a.m. (Dashes) at Epcot

Pasta in the Park Party

Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21 | 7 a.m. at World Showplace Pavilion inside Epcot

Disney Princess Enchanted 10K

Saturday, Feb. 21 | 5:30 a.m. at Epcot

Disney Princess Half Marathon

Sunday, Feb. 22 | 5:30 a.m. at Epcot

Happily Ever After Party

Sunday, Feb. 22 | Post-race at Downtown Disney