Dear Family and Friends,

For the last twenty years, runners from the Champaign-Urbana area have been participating in the Champaign to Peoria St. Jude Run. Runners give up their weekend to run from Champaign to Peoria while raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The money raised is used for two primary purposes. The first being direct patient care. You may not be aware of this, but families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food. Danny Thomas, the founder of the hospital, understood the importance of keeping the families focus on their children and not costs. Second is the research that has continued to help improve outcomes. Treatments that were invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened more than 50 years ago. We are truly passionate about raising money to help find a cure for cancer for the kids at St. Jude. We feel so blessed in our lives and know it is our calling to help give these kids every chance at a long and healthy life.

On Friday, August 3rd, the Champaign Run will hit the pavement to run the 100+ miles, running through to night to Peoria. On Saturday, August 4th, we will meet up with around 2500 other runners from 37 other run cities within Illinois to mark the start of the St. Jude Telethon. Each runner on our team is required to raise a minimum of $1000 to participate in the run. Through the support of numerous sponsors, 100% of every dollar donated to the runners goes to St. Jude for patient care and research.

If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause, your contributions will be greatly appreciated.  Checks may be made payable to St. Jude Runs. We can gladly write you a receipt for taxes purposes if you would like.

We understand that not everyone can donate monetarily. Still, we ask that you remember us and all of the runners on this day. Most importantly, remember and pray for the little warriors, those who have lost, won, or are still fighting against childhood cancer.  It is for them that we run.

Thank You,

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others”*

 *- Danny Thomas*