



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of you who finished your first marathon or half-marathon on Sunday. Hopefully the soreness has begun to fade, while the pride and glow from this major accomplishment has not.

We want to thank all of you for choosing the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon for your first marathon or half-marathon. I want to thank all of you who showed up for the first timers presentations on Saturday. It was a tremendous turnout with great questions and lots of excitement.

Unfortunately, it is also a bittersweet time for me. I feel like the teacher who, at the end of the school year, must bid farewell to the graduating class. We have come so far since those January days when the miles were growing and you were not quite sure if you could do this to the "final exam" which you passed with flying colors.

I do need your help. Please let me know how your race went. I am interested in hearing about your experience. The responses we received from first timers the past four years was used to help us with this year's program. Feel free to provide any comments or constructive criticism. We want to know what we are doing right and what we can do even better. I will be sure to pass along any comments I receive (which will be kept anonymous). More importantly, I want to use your quotes to help motivate next year's class of first timers (again, it will be anonymous). So **please reply to this e-mail** with your experiences, any stories about the day, and/or any pictures from the big day. Thanks for sharing and for helping next year's first timers.

INSPIRATION

**"Nobody said it would be easy, they just said it would be worth it."
- Anonymous**

(Now you can truly understand this quote and what it means.)

TIP

Enjoy your accomplishment. When you look at your medal or wear your event t-shirt take great pride in what you did. You are now a marathoner or half-marathoner and no one can take that away from you.

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Sincerely,

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