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Prize Money and Certification Announced for 2nd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon

(Jackson, MS) – Organizers of the 2nd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon announced that a total prize money purse of \$30,000 will be offered for competitors in the race, scheduled for January 3, 2009. Prize money will be awarded in the following categories for the marathon only:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1 st Place	\$4,000	\$4,000
2 nd Place	3,000	3,000
3 rd Place	2,000	2,000
4 th Place	1,500	1,500
5 th Place	1,000	1,000
Wheelchair	\$ 500	\$ 500
Handcycle	500	500
<u>Masters</u>		
1 st Place	\$ 1,000	1,000
2 nd Place	700	700
3 rd Place	500	500
Tri-County	\$ 300	\$ 300

In addition to the first place prize money, an additional \$1,000 will be awarded to the top male and female runners who break the course records of 2:25:01 (male) and 2:48:37 (female). Prize money in the Tri-County category will be awarded to the top finishers from the Jackson metropolitan area, comprised of Hinds, Rankin and Madison Counties.

The courses for both the marathon and half-marathon have been officially certified with USA Track and Field. The marathon will start and finish in the historic Fondren district of Jackson, and encompass the downtown area, Flowood, and parts of north Jackson. At this time, nearly 700 runners from 36 states and four countries have registered for the event.

