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## **Akron Marathon Hires Jim Chaney as Associate Race Director**

**Akron, Ohio (January 10, 2012)** – The Akron Marathon, sponsored by Time Warner Cable, has hired Jim Chaney to fill the newly formed position of associate race director and bolster the marathon's level of excellence.

In this new position, Chaney uses his leadership skills, vast experience in planning running events and project management capabilities to help promote, organize and manage the event.

Chaney took on the role of special projects consultant for the marathon in 2011. Prior to that, he held volunteer positions including Jeff Galloway Training Program coordinator, course sector chief and Women's National 8K Championship committee member.

"Jim has already brought a wealth of leadership and racing experience to the team," said Jim Barnett, race director. "As associate race director, he will help us continue to provide a world-class racing experience for every participant."

Chaney is involved in every aspect of race day, from planning course maps, securing permits, managing the road closing schedule, start line and finish line set-up and logistics. He is also responsible for outreach, training programs, website management, social media communications and the gear bag program.

A well-respected figure in the running community, Chaney began his love for competitive running while attending Copley High School, where he established the school record in the 800-meter run, which he held for 22 years. He later became head coach of the school's cross country team.

Chaney is a graduate of Ohio University. His work history includes positions in human resources and payroll industries with clients including Fortune 500 companies.

Chaney is the founder of Chaney Event Management, a full-service race management and timing company. He has been instrumental in managing and providing race timing services to more than 40 events per year.

A member of the Summit Athletic Running Club, Chaney is a competitive masters (age 40 and older) runner. He has served on the Summit Athletic Board in several capacities including race services, membership and website coordinator.

Chaney is a member of the Clif Bar pace team, is part of the Brooks ID program and represents the Vertical Runner Race Team in events ranging in distance from 5K to 100 miles.

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The Akron Marathon includes a Full Marathon; a Half Marathon, presented by Acme Fresh Markets; a Team Relay, presented by Novo Nordisk; and a Kids Fun Run, making it ideal for all levels of athleticism. It will take place Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Registration for each event within the Akron Marathon is capped and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of the lowest rates of the year and register by February 29. Registration rates increase March 1. Participants can register today at [www.akronmarathon.org](http://www.akronmarathon.org).

### **About the Akron Marathon**

The Akron Marathon, presented by Time Warner Cable, is organized by the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, a nonprofit group that is dedicated to promoting health and fitness. Additional information on the Akron Marathon, half marathon and team relay is available at [www.akronmarathon.org](http://www.akronmarathon.org) or by calling (330) 434-2RUN (2786).

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**Editor's Note:** For a high-resolution visual of Jim Chaney, please contact Katie Greenwald or Anne Bitong, listed below.

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