



Dear Runners:

It is my great pleasure to extend a welcome to all of the local and visiting runners and walkers to downtown Rochester for this year's annual Preferred Care Rochester Marathon. I am looking forward with anticipation to joining you at the starting line.

This race has truly become a hallmark moment in the city of Rochester's annual calendar. It is a priority of the City administration to ensure that we continue to offer the community as much fun, excitement and entertainment as any other mid-sized city in America. Events like this marathon along with the support of a myriad of impressive sponsors have made Rochester a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



Your participation in this event will help the Upstate New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation fund research, patient services and education for the 1.5 million adults and children who live with the disease in this Chapter. At each mile along the marathon course, the faces of "Arthritis Heroes" will be recognized to inspire and remind us of the wonderful cause that we are running for. Thank you all for your support of the Arthritis Foundation.

On behalf of the Arthritis Foundation, I would like to thank the Preferred Care Rochester Marathon Committee and all of the Marathon's sponsors, participants and volunteers who make this event such a success every year.

Good luck to you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Duffy".

Robert J. Duffy
Mayor

