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## Team HEAL Named Marathon Charity

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The City of Los Angeles Marathon has designated Team HEAL Foundation, Inc. as an Official Charity for the 2006 race scheduled for March 19.

For that designation, Team HEAL may use the L.A. Marathon, presented by Honda, as a fundraising vehicle to support its community-based work.

Team HEAL Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing certified athletic trainers and comprehensive medical care to under-served high school student athletes.

It was founded by Dr. Clarence Shields, an orthopedic surgeon and former NFL Rams team doctor and his wife, Barbara. Since their beginning in 1994, the organization has served more than 10,000 student athletes with the greatest needs and fewest resources annually.

Currently providing services at

Banning, Carson, Crenshaw and Manual Arts High Schools, the Team HEAL athletic trainers at each site provide physical conditioning, rehabilitative therapy and medical care daily for injured athletes.

Athletic trainers are also present before, during and after all sporting events and volunteer orthopedic surgeons contribute their professional services for all home games.

For over ten years Team HEAL has

gradually increased the total number of schools it is able to service. There remains however an additional 24 other inner-city schools that are in need of their program.

"We need your (community financial) support to fund our organization in order for us to be able to provide our services to those additional schools waiting in line to be a part of Team HEAL," said Barbara J. Shields, Executive Director.

Tax deductible donations will further the good work being done in the community for a segment of our youth who may not otherwise have access to the types of professional services Team HEAL provides.

For more information, interested donors and volunteers are urged to visit their website at: [www.teamheal.org](http://www.teamheal.org) or telephone their office at 310/645-8437.