



**Team HEAL Foundation, Inc. NAMED AS AN OFFICIAL
CHARITY FOR 2010 CITY OF LOS ANGELES MARATHON**

The City of Los Angeles Marathon designated Team HEAL Foundation, Inc. as an Official Charity for the 2011 event. For that distinction, the charity uses the L.A. Marathon as a fundraising vehicle to support its exemplary work.

Team HEAL Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to bringing comprehensive injury prevention, medical care, athletic training, healthcare awareness, mentoring and academic support to high school student athletes in underserved communities. At the present time, we provide services to the following four schools: Banning, Carson, Crenshaw and Manual Arts. The Team HEAL Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) at each site provide physical conditioning and rehabilitative therapy, as well as medical care daily for injured athletes. The ATC is also present before, during and after all sporting events and athletic activities. In support of the program, volunteer orthopedic surgeons contribute their professional services at all home games. The program also provides *free* pre-season sports physicals, which include orthopedic, internal medicine, cardiac, dental and eye exams, performed by Team HEAL volunteer physicians.

Funding for Team HEAL Foundation is strictly from charitable grants and donations from organizations, corporations and individuals (no funding is available through the school district). All funds raised go toward medical supplies and equipment for the training rooms, the salaries for the Certified Athletic Trainers and for educational materials used in the Health and Career Development classes taught by the ATC. These classes were initiated by the program to educate and expose students to information on injury awareness and prevention, nutrition, childhood obesity as well as motivate them to consider careers in medicine and related health professions. This will be the foundation's fifth year as an official charity. In hopes of raising much needed funding for their work, Team HEAL looks forward to being a part of this major community event for the years to come.

The Official Charity Program of the L.A. Marathon presents an opportunity for nearly 50 local and national charitable organizations to use L.A. Marathon events as a platform to raise money for their organization and to increase their profile in the community. Since its inception in 1987, the program has been hailed as "The Million Dollar Morning" in recognition of the million dollars raised annually and the more than 17 million dollars that has been raised to date for a number of worthwhile concerns. Runners, walkers and cyclists are encouraged to support the charities by raising per-mile pledges from friends, family and co-workers. Therefore, it is imperative that our community supports this most worth while cause.