

## Runners Treated to Continued Wegmans Sponsorship at 44<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon

*Wegmans to sponsor 2019 "The People's Marathon," Historic Half and MCM Event Series*

**QUANTICO, VA (April 16, 2019)** – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) is proud to announce that Wegmans will be returning as a sponsor for all 2019 events, including the 44<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), the MCM Event Series and the Marine Corps Historic Half. This partnership connects runners, volunteers and Marines to healthy lifestyle and positive food choices in unique ways.



“We believe communities thrive when we all work together, and that’s why we’re proud to support the Marine Corps Marathon, an organization with such a rich history of inspiring, motivating, and bringing people together,” said Chris Holland, Community Relations for the Virginia Division. “Every year, we have a team of employees, about 50 strong that volunteer for the MCM. Not only is it a great way to give back to a community that has done so much for us, but also an opportunity to get to know our colleagues better, and meet others in the community.”

Wegmans will support all seven event weekends throughout the year. They will generously provide 65,000 bottles of water over the course of the year, 5,000 oranges at the MCM, and multiples of bananas, trail mix and fruit and nut bars for various 2019 events.

The Marine Corps Historic Half sees 10,000 runners and thousands of spectators annually during May in Fredericksburg, VA. The Marine Corps Historic Half start and finish lines are adjacent to the Wegmans Fredericksburg location, near the Central Park shopping district, allowing each runner and their supporters convenient access to Wegmans.

In addition, runners this October will experience the Wegmans Launch Zone to be held at the MCM Health & Fitness Expo at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center inside Prince George’s Exhibit Halls A and B. Wegmans will distribute full sized apple sauce, fruit twists and fruit bars to all participants picking up their packets for MCM Weekend. The Wegmans veggie mascots will promote healthy eating options during appearances at the Expo and MCM Kids Run.

“Eating healthy is a crucial part of successful marathon training and the recovery process. It is a joy to have a partner like Wegmans who continues to support runner’s healthy habits,” shares Rick Nealis, MCMO Director.

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*The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps. Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines*