



To our running community,

After carefully considering options for our 2020 races, we have decided to share the sad news that there will not be a Steamboat Marathon, Half Marathon, or 10k this year. As we watch events around the country continue to change at a rapid pace, as much as we would like to hold the race in June, we realize it just isn't possible. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the current situation, the people and resources we rely on to hold our race, postponing to a later date isn't possible.

We have been hosting our marathon since 1981 through sun, rain and even snow. It is heartbreaking to not be able to do it again this year, but the health and safety of our runners, our volunteers and our entire community must come first. As members of the running community, we understand the disappointment and sadness this will cause.

Our focus is now on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race set for June 6, 2021. We are committed to making this race the best one yet with a celebration 40 years in the making with live music, special awards and more. All 2020 registered participants in the Marathon, Half Marathon, and 10K will receive free deferral to the 2021 race. On Wednesday, April 15, 2020 every registrant will be sent an invitation email to defer to 2021. You must complete the deferral process by August 1, 2020. Please contact [help@events.com](mailto:help@events.com) if you have any difficulty.

As a not-for-profit organization, we make every effort to work with local partners, vendors, and staff to produce the best race possible. We have a no-refund policy to preserve our ability to pay and support these organizations and people for the year-round work that goes into planning and producing the race. This policy will remain in place through this unforeseen change in order to continue this race for another 40 years.

Please know that the many hours and miles you put into training for the 2020 race did not go to waste. Now is the time to focus on what we can control and the many things that bring us happiness. For many of our loyal participants, running is one of those things. Even though we won't see you at the Steamboat Marathon this year, know we will be on the roads and trails with you wherever you are in the world. Thank you for your continued support throughout this difficult decision. We will continue to communicate additional updates to you and look forward seeing you on June 6, 2021.

For questions about the 2020 Steamboat Marathon, please contact [marathon@steamboatchamber.com](mailto:marathon@steamboatchamber.com)