



23rd annual

Potomac River Run Marathon & Half

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Saturday, May 2, 2026 ☺ World Laughter Day ☺ 26.2 Miles of Smiles

March 15, 2024

Dear Friend,

We invite you to sponsor the 23rd annual ACE Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Institute Potomac River Run Marathon, Saturday, May 2, 2026, to benefit Buy A Brick Foundation's Stomp Out Malaria campaign.

The first Sunday in May is World Laughter Day, and we celebrate with 26.2 miles of smiles. Quite seriously, however, our beneficiary Buy A Brick Foundation has worked since 2004 in Zimbabwe (the African nation formerly known as Rhodesia) to end the scourge of malaria.

Malaria, spread between humans by *Anopheles* mosquitoes, is the most widespread contagious disease on earth, killing more than 600,000 people worldwide per year, 80% children under the age of 5, and an estimated 3.4 billion people are at risk.

(Source: World Health Organization, www.who.int/malaria/publications/atoz/9789241547925/en/index.html)

Malaria is preventable by mosquito netting and eliminating standing water, but both practices require education. Malaria is treatable with quinine – hard to obtain with dangerous side effects – or with *Artemisia annua*, a natural curative without side effects, which can be widely cultivated on-site. Buy A Brick Foundation's Zimbabwe Agricultural Malaria Treatment Education Farms (ZAMTEF) Stomp Out Malaria program sponsors local farmers to grow, harvest, and distribute *Artemisia* in their villages. In 2013, Buy A Brick Foundation started 16 *Artemisia* farms and hopes to start one *Artemisia* farm in every village in Zimbabwe. An estimated 6.6 million Zimbabweans – half its population – are at risk of malaria. By contrast, only one exposure to Ebola virus has been documented in Zimbabwe. Our marathons have raised \$160,000 for Buy a Brick.

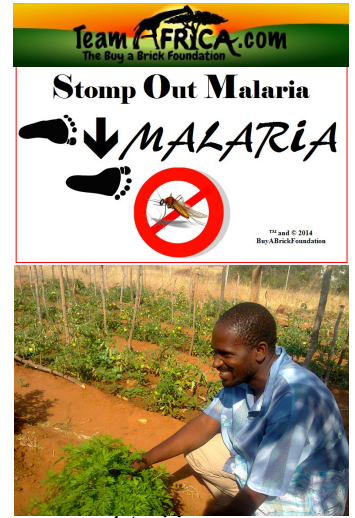
(Source: AFP, www.news.yahoo.com/zimbabwe-patient-tests-negative-ebola-133257865.html)

Buy A Brick Foundation's ZAMTEF public-health campaign and its growing network of clinics can help Zimbabwe to cope with any disease outbreak, not just malaria, or any public-health emergency.

On Saturday, May 2, 2026, our marathon starts and finishes at Fletcher's Cove, 4940 Canal Road, Washington DC, two miles west of Georgetown, Washington DC, on the beautiful riverside C&O Canal Towpath. More than 600 runners are already entered from all over the world -- 30 states plus DC, Canada, Korea, Mexico, and United Kingdom.

We advertise our sponsors on our web pages, entry forms, goodie bags, t-shirts, race-day signage, and post-race results. You can sponsor us with a tax-deductible contribution to **Safety And Health Foundation** or to **Buy A Brick Foundation**, or you can donate refreshments, gift certificates, or in-kind support. You may also choose to sponsor our year-long three-marathon series.

With proceeds from its marathons, SHF also provides first-aid / AED / CPR certification classes for volunteers and officials of DC-area races for \$25, regularly \$125. Classes are at ACE Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Institute.



Artemisia annua



We assemble 300 goodie bags on Thursday, April 30. Sponsors may **provide 300 menus, coupons, or samples by April 23** as inserts for runners' souvenir bags. All sponsors get **complimentary entries** upon request. We **announce all sponsors** before the start, at the finish, and during the awards ceremony. We invite all sponsors to **present their gift certificates personally** to their award winners. We feature your donated food and refreshments at **our post-race picnic**.

We offer three sponsor levels:

- **RED: \$1,000 or more:** Your name, website, full-color logo on our website, t-shirt **front**, and all publicity
- **WHITE: \$500 or more:** Your name, website, full-color logo on our website, t-shirt **back**, and all publicity
- **BLUE: \$250 or more:** Your name on our t-shirt and name and link on our website
 - For all sponsors, we insert your flyer into 300 souvenir bags if you get them to us by April 23
 - For the web site, we need your name, URL, and logo as BMP / GIF / JPG / PNG / SVG by April 1
 - For the t-shirt, we need your logo in high-resolution EPS by April 1
 - Please send your logo as a graphic and also as an EPS to racedirector@att.net and your samples or ad flyers to our office at 611 South Ivy Street, Arlington VA 22204

You may want to sponsor our whole series this year. In 2026, SHF conducts three full marathons / half marathons:

- **23rd Potomac River Run Marathon & Half celebrating World Laughter Day**
Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 8:00 & 9:00 AM, at Fletcher's Cove, Washington DC
- **20th Abebe Bikila Day International Peace Marathon & Half** assisted by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Center
Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 8:00 & 9:00 AM, at Fletcher's Cove, Washington DC
- **23½th Potomac River Run Marathon & Half in memory of Dean Shulman and Wendy Martinez**
Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 8:00 & 9:00 AM, at Fletcher's Cove, Washington DC

Sincerely

Gib Leonard and Sheila Farthing

Gib Leonard and Sheila Farthing, Founding Directors
Buy A Brick Foundation

Jay Jacob Wind

Jay Jacob Wind, Director
Safety And Health Foundation

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Please send this form to **SHF, 611 South Ivy Street, Arlington VA 22204**

Sponsor Name _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Your web site _____
Business Phone _____ **Fax** _____
E-mail _____ **T-shirt size** [] S M L XL XXL

Enclosed is:

\$[] A 501(c)3 tax-deductible donation to **Buy A Brick Foundation (BABF)** or see www.buyabrickfoundation.org

\$[] A 501(c)3 tax-deductible donation to **Safety And Health Foundation (SHF)** or see www.safetyandhealthfoundation.org

Discover MasterCard Visa Amex _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp.Date _____ - _____
Name on card _____ 3-digit code _____
 I pledge in-kind support _____ (e.g., printing t-shirts or refreshments)
 Gift certificates from your store or business (e.g., four or more \$25 certificates)

If you do not have gift certificates of your own, you may use these forms. Feel free to photocopy more.



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GIFT CERTIFICATE

Congratulations for your award winning finish!



Please visit (Sponsor) _____ Phone _____

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