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Charleston Marathon awards grants to local schools

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Charleston, SC – The Charleston Marathon® hit the road Monday, November 16, 2020 and Wednesday, November 18, 2020 to surprise schools in the community with checks in support of arts. Just over \$4,000 was awarded as a result of funds raised through the 2020 race, additional funding goes to support Engaging Creative Minds (ECM), a local educational nonprofit that promotes Arts Integration in area schools.

Schools awarded the grant money in Charleston County School District include Baptist Hill Middle/High School (teacher Melissa Murdock), Murray-LaSaine Montessori School (teacher Rylee Coppel), and R. B. Stall High School (teacher Leanne Mattie).

As in years past, the official charitable partner for the Charleston Marathon® race is ECM, an educational non-profit that provides Arts Integration programming in local schools as well as their national award-winning Summer STEAM Institute®.

ECM partners with local artists and art organizations to provide unique educational programming for Kindergarten through 8th grade. This year, they are in 26 schools across Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties and will impact over 10,000 students. In addition to supporting ECM programs, the Charleston Marathon® also distributes grants to local schools and classrooms through funds received from the race.

In its 11th year, the 2021 Charleston Marathon® is having a virtual edition of the race. There are 11 days to complete your race (one mile, 5k, half marathon, or full marathon) starting on January 11, 2021 and going through January 21, 2021. Each participant receives a downloadable bib and certificate, exclusive finisher hoodie, bottle-opener finisher medal, and a complimentary ticket to a Charleston RiverDogs 2021 season game.

For more information about the 2021 Charleston Marathon, visit capstoneraces.com/charleston-marathon. For more information about Engaging Creative Minds, visit engagingcreativeminds.org

For more information about CCSD, contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.