

## Indian Hill Resident Chairs Heart Mini-Marathon

The American Heart Association named Jeffrey Thomas, President and Chief Executive Officer of Priority Dispatch, Inc., chairman of the 30th annual Mercy Heart Mini-Marathon. The 2007 Heart Mini-Marathon will take place on March 25, 2006 in downtown Cincinnati.

We are honored to have Jeff Thomas serve as chair of the 2007 Heart Mini-Marathon," said John Lonneman, event director. "Priority Dispatch has partnered with the American Heart Association since the very first Heart Mini-Marathon in 1977. Without the support of Priority

Dispatch, the Mini-Marathon would not have been so successful for all these years. Jeff's role as chairman is a great way to celebrate a 30 year partnership."

Since its founding in 1973, Priority has grown to become a leading provider of expedited transportation services spanning the Midwest region. With more than 20 years of experience in the messenger-courier industry, Jeff Thomas is an accomplished corporate strategist and marketer. His vision and expertise in business performance have driven notable growth within the transportation industry. Priority Dispatch, Inc. is comprised of seven delivery centers throughout the Midwest which employs 100 associates along with 30 Independent Contractors.

Jeff graduated from Indiana University in 1986. Prior to working with Priority, he worked with DHL, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois in Sales. Jeff and his wife, Connie, and their two children, reside in Indian Hill. He is an avid outdoorsman; spending most of his spare time fly-fishing, hunting, and golfing. Jeff and his family travel extensively, in quest for the perfect out stream.

The Heart Mini-Marathon celebrates its 30th running on March 25, 2006 and is providing chip timing for runners for the first time ever. Since its inception in 1978, the Heart Mini-Marathon has made significant



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strides in improving the quality and extending the lives of those suffering from heart disease and stroke.

"The American Heart Association, our business and our family is celebrating 30 years of volunteering together in the Mercy Heart Mini-Marathon," said Jeff Thomas. "My father is a heart disease survivor who has made a complete recovery thanks to cutting edge care and technology. We look forward to seeing Cincinnati walk and run and raise funds for the Heart Association."

The Heart Mini-Marathon offers a variety of events for people of all fitness levels: a 15K Mini-Marathon, 5K HeartRun, 5K and 10K HeartWalks and a 2K Kids' Mini-MaraFun. There is something for everyone, starting with a Health and Fitness Expo on Saturday, March 24 at the Cincinnati Convention Center. The Expo features free cholesterol screenings and other fitness tests, exhibits and special activities for children including a free Kids' Fun Run.

Jeff Thomas has put together a leadership committee to assist in the fundraising efforts for the event. The Committee includes: Julie Thomas, Priority Dispatch; Kent Howard, Balluff; Scott Heiser, Neace Lukens; Ann DeHaven, Priority Dispatch; Susan Croushore, The Christ Hospital; David Budig, Parsec; Greg Fisher, Marketing Sports Services; Mike Carpenter, Abbott Vascular Corporation; Jim Stafford, Stafford Jewelers; Tim Marty, Ted Marty & Associates; Jack Cassidy, Cincinnati Bell; Tony Dellacave, Cincinnati Bell; Thomas Hoge, Production Control Units; James Bossart, CNW; Carlen Waterbury, Fifth Third Bank; Darla and Jim Wainwright, AK Steel; and Tom Young, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

For more information about the Mercy Heart Mini-Marathon, call the American Heart Association at 513-281-4048 or visit the website at [www.heartmini.org](http://www.heartmini.org).

## Second annual St. Xavier High School X-Travaganza

Online Auction to be held in February

Mark your calendars, set up your computers and get your fingers ready to click in your bids as the second annual St. Xavier High School X-Travaganza Online Auction is about to begin! Building on the success of last year's first-ever online auction, from Monday, February 12, through Sunday, February 25, an array of items will be available for bids from the comfort of your own home or office.

Sample items include gift certificates to restaurants; tickets to popular cultural and sporting events (including Ohio State and Notre Dame football and Lion King at the Aronoff Center for the Arts—all guaranteed sellouts!!); clothing, jewelry and accessories; home design items; golf outings; St. Xavier-themed items - and so much more!

All you need to do is register at the secure location online at [www.stxavier.org](http://www.stxavier.org). The auction will end at 11 p.m. on Sunday, February 25. Instructions for bidding, payment and pick-up will be provided online.

Also mark your calendars for Saturday, March 10, when the 34th annual X-Travaganza dinner auction will be held at 5:30 at St. Xavier High School. The theme for this year's event, chaired by Christy and Terry Horan of Montgomery, is "An Emerald Isle X-Perience." In addition to the gourmet meal catered by Elegant Fare, the evening features Oral and Silent Auctions, a Reverse Raffle and a Grand Raffle drawing for prizes of \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5000 at the conclusion of the auction.

In addition, a Preview Party - a "mini X-Travaganza" - will take place Friday, March 9 at the school with a Silent Auction, raffle, games of chance, entertainment and an assortment of food and drinks.

Proceeds from X-Travaganza go to school scholarships. For more information, please call 761-7815, extension 113 or 117.

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