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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **STREET CLOSURES**

### **BIGGEST LOSER HALF MARATHON/5K RUN/WALK**

### **SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2014**

**Rockford, IL** – The traveling race series The Biggest Loser Half Marathon and 5K run/walk will be coming to downtown Rockford, Saturday June 14, 2014. The race steps off at 7:00 a.m. however closures will begin at 5:00 a.m. Traffic will be impacted as follows:

- The Biggest Loser Half Marathon will begin and end on Wyman Street near Chestnut St. ; proceed north on Wyman St. to Park Ave.; west on Park Ave to N. Main St., north on N. Main St. to Harlem Blvd., runners will proceed northeast on Harlem Blvd. to the Auburn St. Bridge, east on the bridge, then north using the bike path into Loves Park, eventually returning southbound on the bike path and south to Madison St., to Walnut St.; then proceed west across Chestnut Street Bridge to the finish line at Wyman St. to the finish line.
- The 5K run/walk will begin and end on Wyman near Chestnut, proceed east on Chestnut/Walnut St., affecting 1<sup>st</sup> St., S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, College/Morgan, Winnebago, Mulberry and Wyman Streets.
- Police traffic control on arterials such as Jefferson and Whitman Streets will allow traffic to cross periodically, but traffic is urged to find alternate routes.

Local traffic will be permitted as possible, though cars may be asked to wait a short period of time while runners clear the streets. Organizers have asked motorists to reduce speed and watch for runners, and appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

For detailed information on the run, contact event organizer Marla Wilson at 815-289-8070, For specific road closure information, contact Kelly Nokes at 815-967-6915.