



The Alliance *for* Children's Rights

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The Alliance for Children's Rights runs the Honda LA Marathon & 5K *A race to the finish line to help out Los Angeles foster youth*

Los Angeles, Calif. – March 17, 2011 – With more runners than any other first time charity in this year's Honda LA Marathon race, The Alliance for Children's Rights is geared up to raise money for its programs serving foster youth in the Los Angeles community.

Sam Paneno, Esq., an Alliance Special Education attorney and 2011 participant, will be running his first marathon on behalf of The Alliance. Paneno, with his right leg amputated below the knee over a decade ago, has been preparing for this race with intense physical and mental training.

Four former foster youth Alliance clients will also be participating to raise financial support and awareness to help other foster youth in their situation.

"It is astounding to see our staff, volunteers and even the foster youth we serve dedicate their time and energy to send a message of hope for the underserved children in our community," says President and CEO Janis Spire. "And as one of L.A.'s leading nonprofit organizations serving children and youth living in poverty and in foster care, we are proud first year participants in the Marathon."

Dickstein Shapiro LLP, a long-time supporter of The Alliance, is this year's title sponsor. Dickstein Shapiro is one The Alliance's largest *pro bono* partners, providing The Alliance assistance on adoption cases, foster care advocacy and transitioning youth support.

About The Alliance for Children's Rights

The Alliance for Children's Rights is Los Angeles's preeminent free legal services organization dedicated solely to protecting impoverished, abused and neglected children. Since its founding in 1992, The Alliance has been a consistent safety net for over 100,000 children and families. For more information about The Alliance and its programs, please call 213-368-6010 or visit us online at www.kids-alliance.org.

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