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Marine Corps Marathon Moves Start to Burke, Virginia Residence

Husband and Wife, former U.S. Marines, win Comcast SportsNet "Start the Marine Corps Marathon at Your House" Contest

Burke, VA (April 7, 2010)-- The iconic red arches that thousands of runners pass under at the start of the Marine Corps Marathon relocated to the Burke, VA home of the Schneller family on Tuesday, April 6. Christine and Tim Schneller and their daughters were joined by MCM Race Director Rick Nealis on a short training run as part of the Comcast SportsNet "Start Marine Corps Marathon at Your House Contest." The run concluded with the Schnellers breaking the official MCM finisher ribbon on their front lawn to kick-off the 2010 MCM registration season.

The MCM set up the iconic MCM start arch on the family's front lawn plus provided post-run hospitality from Powerade, training apparel from Brooks Sports, massage recovery by Dr. Michael Moses of Nova Pain and Rehab and even a VIP portojohn. Miles the MCM mascot fired a confetti cannon as the honorary starter for the training run.

Selected from more than 160 entries submitted through the Comcast SportsNet website, the Schnellers have won VIP treatment on marathon day, October 31, including two sought-after elite entries, two tickets to the MCM pre-race pasta party, official MCM apparel and VIP parking on race day. The contest marks the beginning of online registration period for the MCM, a process that has traditionally taken only days to fill 30,000 spots. Registration opens at noon on Wednesday, April 7 on the marathon website.

Christine and Tim Schneller, both former Marines, left active duty in 1993 after fighting in the Gulf War. With personal goals of getting back in shape, the Schnellers decided to train for and run the 35th Marine Corps Marathon. For each, it will be their first marathon. Thus far, Tim has lost in excess of 100 pounds and wife, Christine, has dropped 20 pounds. The Schnellers are residents of Crozet, Virginia but hosted the MCM arch at Christine's parent's home in Burke.

About the Marine Corps Marathon: Voted the best marathon for families, the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the nickname as "The People's Marathon." The MCM is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. The 35th anniversary Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 31, in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.

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