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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****26.2 with Donna Exceeds 100K Weaver Marathon Challenge!**

*Thank you for pushing us over our fundraising goal.*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (February 8, 2012) —26.2 with Donna The National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer announced Wednesday, February 8 that they exceeded the Weaver Marathon Challenge — a fundraising goal of \$343,000, \$100,000 above last year's effort. The Weavers, former Jacksonville Jaguar owners, are matching that amount from their own foundation. Surpassing the fundraising goal before marathon weekend kicks off February 10 is getting praise from many involved.

"We are so proud of the 26.2 with Donna team and all fundraisers that worked hard to achieve this goal," said Delores Weaver.

"A huge thanks to everyone who fundraised and contributed to the challenge," said Donna Deegan, founder and event chairman. "We are so grateful that Delores and Wayne Weaver challenged us and that we were able to meet and exceed our fundraising goal. We don't require our runners to fundraise because the proceeds from their entrance fees all go back to our cause as well, but this type of money will push us to our goal of ending breast cancer so much faster."

The Weaver Marathon Challenge kicked off in July 2011 when Delores and Wayne Weaver and 26.2 with Donna joined forces to offer runners this unprecedented opportunity. The challenge coincided with the marathon's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and gave those who chose to fundraise a huge incentive.

"This support from the Weaver Family Foundation is a symbol of their generosity and also their understanding of the significant impact of this event on the city of Jacksonville," said Edith Perez, M.D., oncologist and internationally known breast cancer researcher at Mayo Clinic in Florida.

Efforts continue through March 31, 2012 at [donate.breastcancermarathon.com](http://donate.breastcancermarathon.com). Every last penny of this money will go to the Mayo Clinic and to The Donna Foundation for breast cancer research and to care for the underserved with the disease.

The 26.2 with Donna mission is to passionately produce world class events to raise funds for groundbreaking breast cancer research and empower those living with breast cancer. Seventy percent of all race proceeds go to the Mayo Clinic for bench top breast cancer research. Thirty percent of all race proceeds go to The Donna Foundation to help breast cancer patients with critical financial needs. Join us as we celebrate 5 Years —February 12, 2012! Together, we will finish it.

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