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Austin Locals Take Home Top Spots in 20th 3M Half Marathon *The annual 13.1 mile event celebrates 20 years as Austin's Best Road Race*

AUSTIN, Texas – Jan. 19, 2014 – Crisp temperatures and sunny skies welcomed thousands of runners across the 3M Half Marathon finish line Sunday morning. Austin local, **Erik Stanley**, age 28, finished first with a time of 1 hour, 6 minutes and 38 seconds (**1:06:38**). The University of Texas alumnus ran the 13.1 mile event at a steady pace of 5:05:00 per mile. Stanley used the event to prepare for the Austin Marathon on Feb. 16, which is an Olympic qualifying event for the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro. Austin local, **Matthew Lowe**, 24, crossed the finish line less than a minute behind Stanley with a time of **1:07:29**. **Rory Tunningley**, 24 and from Dale, Texas, finished third with a time of **1:08:21**. The event record stands at 1:01:05, held by Martin Fagan, set in 2009.

In the women's open division, Austin triathlete, **Kelly Williamson**, 36, claimed the top spot for the third year in a row, with a time of **1:16:34**. San Antonio's **Anita Quirino**, 30, took second, crossing the finish with a time of **1:18:49**, just before Austin's **Chris Kimbrough**, who finished at **1:18:50**. Kimbrough, 44, placed third in the women's open division and also claimed the 2014 female Masters division title.

San Antonio's **Todd Heintz**, 42, garnered the 2014 male Masters division title with a time of **1:15:57**. More than 5,400 runners registered for the 13.1 mile event, marking 20 years as an "Austin favorite" race.

The race started with clear skies and a temperature of 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) with mild 4 mph winds, which created a wind chill of 37 degrees (Fahrenheit).

For the third consecutive year, [Communities In Schools of Central Texas](#) was the race beneficiary. The organization received \$50,000, a \$10,000 increase over the 2013 donation, from [the 3M Foundation](#). Communities In Schools is part of a national dropout prevention network serving more than 50 campuses in five Central Texas school districts.

About 3M Half Marathon

The 3M Half Marathon is an annual running event in Austin, Texas, sponsored by 3M, that provides runners with a mostly downhill, fast course through northern and central Austin. Benefitting Communities In Schools of Central Texas, the 2014 event takes place on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Gold sponsors for the 2014 3M Half Marathon include: 3M Scotchlite Reflective Materials, Post-it Products, Futuro Products, Nexcare Products, Scotch Products, Clif Bar, Freeman, Liaison Resources, Reunion Band and Waggener Edstrom Communications. For more information on the event, visit the [race website](#), [Facebook page](#), or [Twitter account](#).

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