

ANNUAL COLUMBUS – DRESDEN MARATHON EXCHANGE 2019

**Presented by Dresden Sister City, Inc.
in Collaboration with
Greater Columbus Sister Cities International and
Nationwide Children’s Hospital Columbus Marathon & Half Marathon**

Are you a runner? Do you enjoy learning about other cultures and sharing your own?
Want to learn more about Columbus’ sister cities?

We are happy to announce the 8th Annual Columbus - Dresden Marathon Exchange.
Want to explore other cultures? Head over to <http://columbussistercities.com/> to explore
running in our sister cities Curitiba, Brazil or Hefei, China.

We are looking for participants in this exchange:

- **5 RUNNERS** who would like to travel to Germany and represent Columbus and the Columbus Marathon as **Marathon Ambassadors** in the Dresden Marathon & Half Marathon on **October 27, 2019** (Travel Dates: Thursday, 10/24 – Tuesday, 10/29)
- **5 HOSTS** who would like to host one of the five runners from Dresden, Germany representing their city in the Columbus Marathon on October 20, 2019. The hosting period is five nights: October 17 - 22, 2019.

Here are the details:

	Runners	Hosts
Who:	Central Ohio residents and individuals with a strong connection to Columbus to represent the city	Greater Columbus residents who love their city and enjoy hosting visitors from other countries
What:	Participate in the Dresden (Germany) Marathon or ½ Marathon as a representative of Columbus	Host a runner from Dresden, Germany and show him/her the CBus and what it has to offer
When:	October 24-29, 2019 Dresden Marathon: October 27	October 17-22, 2019 Columbus Marathon: October 20
Where:	Dresden, Germany	Columbus, Ohio
Benefits:	Free entry to the Dresden race category of your choice; Lodging with a host family in Dresden for 5 nights; A gift package from Second Sole, including a pair of Nike running shoes	Make new friends Learn about your sister city Dresden and German culture Have someone to visit when you travel to Germany Learn some (more?) German

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	<p>Transportation in Dresden on race weekend;</p> <p>Meeting with Dresden City officials;</p> <p>Guided walking tour of Dresden;</p> <p>Help with fundraising if interested;</p> <p>The experience of a lifetime!</p>	<p>Meet and socialize with the other hosts</p> <p>Learn about Columbus and explore the city together with your guests and discover things you did not know</p> <p>In short: you are going to be a tourism ambassador for Columbus, and an ambassador for American culture!</p>
Here's what you need to be considered:	<p>Valid passport (until at least May 2020)</p> <p>Airfare (fluctuating between \$600 and \$1,600)</p> <p>Interest in foreign cultures</p> <p>A strong connection to Columbus</p> <p>Plus: prior participation in Columbus Marathon or Half Marathon</p> <p>Ideas for and interest in raising funds for marathon exchange program</p> <p>An interest in supporting the Marathon Exchange in future years as well as other programs of the Columbus-Dresden relationship</p>	<p>A spare bedroom and access to a bathroom and kitchen</p> <p>Include guest in your meals</p> <p>Provide transportation (at least on marathon weekend)</p> <p>Be able to spend some time with the visitor and include them in your schedule and activities</p> <p><i>If you work full time and can't take time off, we will be working with you to accommodate your schedule.</i></p>
How to apply	<p>Fill out an application and submit by May 31st</p>	<p>Email us at dresdensistercity@gmail.com</p>
Application Deadline	<p>Friday, May 31, 2019</p> <p>Applicants will be notified in early June</p>	<p>Whenever the five hosting spots are filled</p>
Important Dates – Attendance Expected	<p>June 11 Kick-off meeting with all selected Columbus Marathon Ambassadors to Dresden</p> <p>June – September Fundraising Planning and individual fundraising</p> <p>Early September (TBD) Potential Fundraising Event</p> <p>October 15: Cultural Briefing and official send-off</p> <p>November 12: Dresden Sister City Annual Membership Drive</p>	<p>August / September (dates TBD) Meeting with Marathon Exchange Committee: Put together schedule for visiting athletes and plan transportation schedule</p> <p>October 17-22, 2019 Hosting Dates; Schedule for hosting program</p> <p>November 12: Dresden Sister City Annual Membership Drive</p>