



Solutia Raises More Than \$1.2 Million for Special Athletes in St. Louis Charity to build safe, accessible fields and play areas

ST. LOUIS – While the city celebrates its first-ever Solutia Rock ‘n’ Roll St. Louis Marathon, hundreds of St. Louis kids and families are cheering on Solutia runners, who have raised more than \$1.2 million for Team Activities for Special Kids.

Team Activities for Special Kids, or TASK, is a grassroots, nonprofit St. Louis organization that provides safe, accessible activities for children with special needs. TASK serves about 800 participants with soccer, softball and other team sports at rented fields and facilities.

Solutia, a leading performance materials and specialty chemicals company headquartered in St. Louis, issued a challenge earlier this year to its approximately 3,300 employees all over the world: Train and raise money for TASK, and Solutia will fly you to St. Louis, enter you in the race and match your donations. Those who accepted the challenge are called “The Solutia TASK Force.”

On race day, more than 250 Solutia employees and friends from 12 countries will run and walk for TASK. The money they have raised will help TASK build a permanent facility with accessible fields and activity areas to serve up to 5,000 St. Louis-area children with special needs.

That means more St. Louis kids will have a chance to know what it feels like to kick the winning goal or connect with a softball for the first time.

“Solutia is proud to help give more St. Louis kids the chance to live active, healthy lives,” said Solutia CEO Jeff Quinn, who is a marathon runner and will be racing the course. “Solutia is promoting a healthy lifestyle, showing off our great city and raising money for a charity that makes a major impact on the lives of local families – all with a three-day, rock-and-roll party sure to make St. Louis proud.”

About 80 Solutia TASK Force members are from the St. Louis area, where Solutia is headquartered. The rest are from other U.S. locations as well as Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia and Wales.

“We feel very blessed that Solutia has such a global network of people supporting families with special needs in St. Louis,” said TASK Executive Director and Founder Deb Freund. “It’s been an honor to partner with such a leader in the community, and we’ve had a blast cheering them on.”

Look for the TASK Force runners on race day in their blue Solutia gear. Or just listen for the TASK Force cheering section of families and young athletes from TASK. They’ll be at mile marker No. 1, cheering loud and clear.

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