

DAVE MCGILLIVRAY

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ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Dave McGillivray first gained national prominence in 1978 for his **RUN ACROSS AMERICA** to raise money for the Jimmy Fund. He ran 3,452 miles from Medford, OR, to Medford, MA in 80 consecutive days, averaging 45 miles per day, to raise money for the Jimmy Fund, a charity which supports research toward eliminating cancer in children. This run ended in Fenway Park to a standing ovation by 32,000 fans. Since then, McGillivray has accomplished numerous other inspirational and charitable feats, as well as earned a reputation as one of the world's premier race directors.
- In 1980, he entered the Hawaii **IRONMAN TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP** and finished 14th. He was the 30th person to have ever completed an Ironman. He completed the event again in 1983-1989, 2014, for a total of 9 times.
- Also in 1980, McGillivray's **EAST COAST RUN** charted 1,250 miles from Winter Haven, Florida, to Boston; he was joined by Bob Hall, a pioneer in wheelchair marathoning, to raise money for the Jimmy Fund. They met with President Carter at the White House during the trek through Washington, D.C.
- In 1980 he ran 120 miles in 24 hours through 31 communities in southeastern MA for the "Run For Our Dreams Marathon." The run ended in Foxboro Stadium (now Gillette Stadium) at halftime of a New England Patriots game. The ultra marathon benefited the Wrentham State School; it raised more than \$10,000 for the handicapped.
- In 1981, he completed an ultra triathlon (ran, cycled, and swam) of 1,522 miles throughout the six New England states, raising \$55,000 for the Jimmy Fund. Unusual segments of the event included running up and down Mt. Washington, swimming two miles across Lake Winnepesaukee, swimming one mile from Woods Hole, MA, toward Martha's Vineyard, running three miles with inmates inside Walpole State Prison, and finishing in Foxboro Stadium in front of 60,000 people.
- Officially completed his New England run by swimming more than seven miles from Martha's Vineyard to Falmouth, MA, again raising more money for the Jimmy Fund. McGillivray was greeted by thousands on shore including some of the world's greatest runners, including Alberto Salazar.
- McGillivray ran the 1982 Boston Marathon in a time of 3:14 while blindfolded and being escorted by two guides. He raised more than \$10,000 for the Carroll Center for the Blind in Newton, MA.
- In 1983, he swam for 24 consecutive hours in the Olympic-size Medford High School pool, swimming a total of 1,884 lengths and covering 26.27 miles (distance of the Boston Marathon) to raise money for the Jimmy Fund.
- That same year, he raised money for a scholarship fund for his alma mater, Merrimack College, by bicycling more than 1,000 miles throughout six New England states in 14 days.
- Again raising money for the Jimmy Fund, McGillivray cycled for 24 consecutive hours around a five-mile loop course in Medford, MA, while simultaneously directing the annual Bay State Triathlon, being held on the same course at the same time. He covered a total of 385 miles.
- In 2004, McGillivray ran across the country again, this time with nine other veteran marathoners, in relay style, from San Francisco to Boston as part of TREK USA, an event he founded and raised more than \$300,000 for five children's charities.
- In 2018, he completed the World Marathon Challenge, running 7 marathons in 7 days on 7 continents.
- He has run 161 marathons, including 48 consecutive Boston Marathons (with 33 run at night after his race director duties are fulfilled)
- Marathon personal best: 2:29:58
- Ironman personal best: 10:36:42
- McGillivray has run his birthday age each year since he was 12 years old. In recent years he has completed the miles by running and cycling.



PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Since 1988, he has been the Technical and Race Director of the Boston Marathon. He manages and oversees all technical and operational aspects of the oldest and most prestigious marathon in the world.
- 2000 - Chosen Race Director of the Year by Road Race Management/Running Times Magazine.
- 2000 - Lifetime Achievement Award by Competitor Magazine for more than 30 years of service to the sport of road racing and triathlons.
- 2003 - The DMSE Children's Fitness Foundation was established with a focus on funding nonprofit organizations that use running as a vehicle to promote physical fitness in children.
- 2005 - Inducted into Running USA's Hall of Champions.
- 2006 - Co-authored The Last Pick (Rodale Press) with Linda Glass Fechter. It chronicles his career while motivating and inspiring readers never to underestimate their own ability to set and achieve goals.
- 2007 - Named "Hero of Running" by Runner's World Magazine.
- 2009 - Awarded the prestigious "Jimmy Award" from the Jimmy Fund of Boston for his 30-year association and his work with helping to raise money

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to fund cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

- 2011 – Inducted into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame.
- 2014 – Listed as #6 on Runner's World Magazine's "The 50 Most Influential People in Running."
- 2015 – Recipient of MarathonFoto/Road Race Management Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 2017 – Inductee into the Road Runners Club of America Long Distance Running Hall of Fame, joined by Ryan Hall, Desiree Linden, and George Hirsch.
- 2018 – Co-authored *Dream Big* with Nancy Feehrer, a children's illustrated book based on his 2006 book, *The Last Pick*.
- Received the 2019 Sports Museum Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 2019 – Co-authored *Running Across America* with Nancy Feehrer, a children's illustrated book that chronicles his 1978 Run Across America.
- 2021 – Co-authored *Finish Strong* with Nancy Feehrer, a children's Illustrated book that chronicles his World Marathon Challenge.
- Received the 2021 Old North Church Third Lantern award
- Tapped to oversee the logistics of the Massachusetts COVID-19 mass-vaccination sites at Gillette Stadium, Fenway Park, Reggie Lewis Center, and Hynes Convention Center and helped to vaccinate 1.2 million people.
- McGillivray, DMSE Sports, and his DMSE Foundation have raised more than \$200 million for various charities over the past 40 years, including: The Jimmy Fund, Carroll Center for the Blind, Cystic Fibrosis, Lazarus House, Massachusetts Dietetic Association, Massachusetts Special Olympics, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), Muscular Dystrophy Association, Sports Museum of New England, Wrentham State School.