Livestrong deal with marathon extended

Will continue to partner with race until 2020

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AUSTIN (KXAN) - Livestrong, the cancer-fighting nonprofit established by Lance Armstrong, said Thursday that it's continuing its partnership with the Austin Marathon and Half Marathon until 2020.

"This is a great race with a challenging course and an even bigger purpose -- raising funds and awareness for cancer," Armstrong said. "I am especially proud to run with so many of my fellow cancer survivors who are showing this disease who's boss by not just surviving, but thriving in the wake of adversity."

Since its inception in 1992, the Austin Marathon and Half Marathon has generated more than $150 million for the Austin economy and $6 million for Austin non-profits. Registration for the Feb. 19, 2012 event, which includes a marathon (26.2 miles) and a half marathon (13.1 miles), can be completed online.