



## **MEDIA CONTACT**

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### **Runner and St. Jude supporter plans to run more than 400 miles for patients and families at St. Jude**

*Aims to raise \$83,000 for kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases; St. Jude doctor saved runner's life*

**WHAT:** Joshua Miller, Charlotte resident, is running more than 400 miles from his hometown to Nashville to support the lifesaving mission of [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](http://www.stjude.org): Finding cures. Saving children.®

Miller has a goal to raise \$83,000 in honor of the year his life was saved – 1983. As a child, Miller faced health issues of his own that allow him to empathize with the kids of St. Jude. Recently, he found out about his own unique connection to St. Jude. He will fundraise while running from Charlotte to Nashville with his family following him in a chase vehicle and RV. Joshua will take off from Charlotte on May 31<sup>st</sup> and plans to finish at Riverfront Park in Nashville on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Because of generous donors, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Special thanks to: Matrix Frame USA and XP Retail

Those interested can follow along with Joshua's run on Instagram at [@RunningMan410](https://www.instagram.com/RunningMan410).

Anyone can donate to support Joshua and the kids of St. Jude by going to:

<https://fundraising.stjude.org/goto/joshuaruns>

**WHY:** Miller credits a doctor at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with helping save his life in 1983. While he was very sick in an Ohio hospital, a doctor visiting from St. Jude consulted on his case and encouraged his medical team to test him for Lyme's Disease. That test saved Miller's life and he has gone on to have a successful career, get married and have two daughters. He says he is running so other kids will have a chance, just like he did. Thanks to generous donors – St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Parking Lot across from OMB – corner of Yancy and Southside Dr.  
Charlotte, NC

**VISUALS:** Running, RV, cheer-leading, pom-poms

**FAQ:** For more information, call (704) 431-9704.

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