ANNOUNCEMENT

13th Carrera de la Esperanza (Race of Hope) “Run and empower a life”
Sunday, September 10th, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.

Fundación Merced Querétaro (Merced Foundation Querétaro AC) and Patronato de la Torre de la Esperanza (Tower of Hope Board), with the endorsement of the Asociación Queretana de Atletismo (Querétaro Athletics Association), invite you to the:

13th CARRERA DE LA ESPERANZA 2023 (RACE OF HOPE 2023)

Date: Sunday, September 10th, 2023
Place: Start at 7:30 a.m. Av. Constituyentes with Av. Pasteur Sur, in front of “Torre de la Esperanza” (Hope Tower) Centro Cultural Gómez Morín (Gómez Morín Cultural Center).

**Divisions**
Male/Female/Children

**Distance**
15, 10, 5, and 3km.

Tickets available at:
- **Respuesta Radiofónica** Carrizal #28-F Col. Carrizal
  Phone number (442) 227 33 33
- **Foster homes participating**

**Note**: Registration at website [www.marcate.com.mx](http://www.marcate.com.mx) will be necessary. Print and bring the voucher when picking up race kit.

**NOTE**: Last day for registration will be in accordance with availability. Sign-ups and race kit pick-ups will not be allowed on the day of the race.

**Fare**: $400.00
ALL proceeds from registrations will benefit 15 Foster Homes in Querétaro. Non-refundable.
Online payments at [www.marcate.com.mx](http://www.marcate.com.mx) have an additional cost due to card use through the platform.

**IMPORTANT**: There will be NO registrations or race kit pick-ups on the day of the race. All participants must complete the course within a maximum time of 2 hours.

**RACE KIT PICK-UP**

Saturday, September 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at “GYM IS by FITSI”, Bernardo Quintana 502 Sur, Centro Sur, previously Chedraui, besides the BMW shop.
Location: [https://cutt.ly/Twd7RQsq](https://cutt.ly/Twd7RQsq)
Registration Voucher from www.marcate.com.mx is imperative.

IMPORTANT: The runner/competitor who does not collect their race kit on the established days and times, and sign the corresponding event waiver, will forfeit all rights derived from their registration.

RUNNER/COMPETITOR RIGHTS

Receive kit includes: Dry-fit shirt, participation medal, official bib number, disposable chip for partial and total time tracking.
Recovery kit.
Hydration stations throughout the race.
Results inquiry at www.marcate.com.mx

TIMES AND RESULTS

OFFICIAL Time: It is the time taken from the moment the starting shot is fired until you cross the finish line.
CHIP Time: It is the time taken from when you cross the starting line to when you cross the finish line.
For award purposes:
According to the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the time that is considered is the OFFICIAL time and not the CHIP time. Therefore, the OFFICIAL time is the one that will be used to determine the positions of the runners eligible for cash prizes.

IMPORTANT: It is essential that you pass through the starting mats, those located at kilometer 5 and 7.5, and at the finish line for your times to be recorded. The runner who does not step on the designated mats WILL BE DISQUALIFIED for award purposes.

AWARDS

PRO CATEGORY 15km: $10,000.00 for 1st place in both female and male divisions.
10km: $10,000.00 for 1st place in both female and male divisions.
5km: $3,000.00 for 1st place for girls and boys under 17 years old.
3km: $1,000.00 for 1st place for girls and boys under 13 years old.
There will be gifts and surprises. Note: Minors who win in the 3km and 5km categories must present a copy of their CURP (Unique Population Registry Code) to claim their prize.

Schedule and Start: The starting shot will be fired at 7:30 a.m. on Av. Constituyentes in front of the Manuel Gómez Morin Cultural Center at the "Tower of Hope".
DISQUALIFICATION REASONS:

- Not wearing the official runner's bib number on the front of the shirt throughout the entire race.
- Being ahead of the starting line when the race begins.
- Failing to step on the starting, intermediate, or finish line mats.
- Boarding a vehicle.
- Exchanging chip or official bib number with another runner.
- Displaying unsportsmanlike behavior towards fellow runners, judges, and event staff.
- Not following the marked route.

NOTE: For your safety, following the race procession with bicycles, motorcycles, or vehicles not affiliated with the organization is not allowed. Bicycles and motorcycles, if applicable, will be held by security personnel and returned after the event.

ROUTE

The race will start at 7:30 a.m. on Av. Constituyentes in front of the Manuel Gómez Morín Cultural Center at the “Tower of Hope”. All routes will head towards Blvd. Bernardo Quintana. The 15km route will have its turnaround point near Corregidora, the 10km route will turn around at the Pedregal Bridge, both on the central lanes of B. Quintana. The 5km route will turn around near the Telcel store on Carretas, and the 3km route will turn around near Av. 20 de Noviembre. The finish line will be located inside the Querétaro Olympic Stadium.

JUDGES, ENDORSEMENT, AND ROUTE CERTIFICATION

Judges will be appointed by the organizing committee, and their decisions will be final. Matters not covered in this announcement will be resolved by the organizing committee. This event is endorsed by the Queretana Athletics Association. The route has been certified by a surveyor from the Q.A.A.

IMPORTANT: The runners' health status is the responsibility of each participant and not the organizing committee.

Thanks to your participation, you are helping these Foster Homes.