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## Change in Leadership for Johnny Miles Events

After twenty-five years as Race Directors of the Johnny Miles Running Events, Terry and Carol Curley will be stepping aside in 2022 and the YMCA of Pictou County will assume responsibility for the operations of the Johnny Miles Series of events.

“This has been a very emotional decision for us. The Johnny Miles events have been a huge part of our lives for the past twenty-five years,” says Race Director Terry Curley. And while he doesn’t regret it for a minute, he does admit that it was a huge time commitment for he and his entire family. They are looking forward to the free time the transition will create while still being key volunteers for the events.

Co-race Director Carol Curley adds that one of the reasons they continued on as long as they have been is because of the outstanding group of community volunteers. “We have the best volunteers here in Pictou County and we always had the best of the best helping us with the Johnny Miles events”.

The Curleys also acknowledged the loyal group of local sponsors, many of whom have supported the event since its inception back in 1975.

The Johnny Miles Marathon started as a one-day event in 1975 under the direction of Dr. John Miles Williston and George Manos. It has now grown into a series of events that take place throughout the year, continuously promoting community health and fitness for all ages. While there will likely be some changes in efficiencies and streamlining as the events transition to a not-for-profit charitable organization, participants should expect that the general format, spirit and tradition for the main Johnny Miles events will stay the same.

Curly adds, “Securing an organization like the YMCA of Pictou County allows us to step back from our lead roles with confidence knowing that leadership at the Y is ready and excited to take this on with the community’s health, fitness and well-being at the forefront of everything they do”.

