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Dear Esteemed Olympian/Paralympian,

We would like to invite you to join us in welcoming the World Harmony Run (www.worldharmonyrun.org) to Chicago on **Monday, July 26th**. There will be several opportunities to meet the 12-member international team who are carrying a torch through all 50-states to promote friendship and understanding.

If you would like to run/race with the team from the Lincoln Park Zoo with fellow Olympians, TV personalities, and celebrities, please join us at **7:00am** at the corner of Webster Avenue and Stockton. From there we will proceed to Michigan Avenue and run 3-miles at a 10-minute per mile pace to "The Bean" in Millennium Park for a short welcoming ceremony at **8:00am**. We would be honored if you would like to say a few words about harmony at that time.

The next event starts at **10:30am** at Soldier Field where some 500 children from the Chicago Parks Department summer day camps will greet the runners. During the one-hour program we will stage a relay run with the children and they will present a program for you and the World Harmony Run team. The run from "The Bean" to Soldier Field is about 2-miles or there will be transportation provided if preferred.

That evening there will be a reception at **6:00pm** at Victory's Banner Bookstore and Art Gallery, 2135 W. Roscoe, where the runners will show a video of their adventure. This is another opportunity for you to speak about your own experiences with world harmony. An exhibit of paintings entitled, "Paintings for World-Harmony" by artist and founder of the World Harmony Run, Sri Chinmoy, will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

The World Harmony Run is not a fund-raiser and there is no political agenda, but seeks to acknowledge harmony and friendship as a way to bring people together by passing a torch from hand-to-hand. Heads of state, nobel laureates, governors, congressmen, athletes and celebrities have held the Torch and supported this endeavor all across the country and around the world in over 100 countries since it began in 1987.

As an Olympian/Paralympian, you have been such an inspiration to others and we would welcome your participation in any way that suits your schedule. We would be honored to have you join us for any event or for the whole day on July 26th. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Schedule: Monday, July 26th

- 7:00am Meet at Lincoln Park Zoo (Webster/Stockton)
3-mile run down Michigan Avenue to Millennium Park "The Bean"
Pace: 10-minutes per mile, on sidewalks, obeying traffic signals
- 8:00am Welcoming Ceremony
Millennium Park "The Bean"
Michigan Avenue at Washington Street
- 10:30am Chicago City Parks Department Summer Day Camp program
Soldier Field
Gate Entrance: TBA
- 6:00pm Reception for World Harmony Run team and honored guests
Exhibit of paintings by World Harmony Run founder, Sri Chinmoy
2135 West Roscoe (entrance 2 doors south of Roscoe on Hamilton)