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South High Marathon Dance: Capital District's biggest fund-raiser, 2020

LARGEST FUNDRAISING EVENTS

RANKED BY NET REVENUE RAISED FROM EVENT

Albany Business Review's annual list, published Feb. 19

Rank	Organization	Amount raised from event	Date event was held	Attendees at the event
1	South High Marathon Dance South Glens Falls High School Marathon Dance shmd.org	\$800,000	March 6, 2020	700
2	Capital Region Heart Walk & Run American Heart Association heart.org	\$512,076	June 7, 2020	1,200
3	Light The Night The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Upstate NY/VT Chapter lls.org/uny	\$413,965	Oct. 15, 2020	NA
4	Making Strides of Albany American Cancer Society cancer.org/hopeclub	\$351,594	Oct. 18, 2020	1,700
5	JDRF virtual One Walk JDRF Northeastern NY Chapter neny.jdrf.org	\$300,000	May 23, 2020	500
6	Sale of Hope American Cancer Society	\$260,358	Sept. 24, 2020	200

2020 Dance took place just before the Covid shutdown; aim to do 2021 on April 30-May 1

Last week's *Albany Business Review* featured its annual listing of the region's largest fundraising events.

The 43rd annual South High Marathon Dance took the top spot, raising some \$800,000, nearly \$300,000 more than the second ranked event, the Capital Region Heart Walk & Run, which generated \$512,076.

The 2020 Marathon Dance, on its traditional first weekend in March, got in under the wire — just before the Covid shutdown.

This year's Dancet would ordinarily have taken place next weekend, March 5-6, but safety protocols prevented it.

The **2021 Marathon Dance** is now set for April 30-May 1, subject of course to health protocols. Dance organizers seek donations of money, auction

items, food for the event and student prizes. Email donations@SHMD.org for details.

Years ago, as *The Chronicle* publicly lamented, the Business Review did not include the Marathon Dance among its events. In recent years, it's been included.

In 2019, the South High Marathon Dance ranked third, raising \$837,859, behind only the JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes, \$1,520,377, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Capital Region, which raised \$975,082.

Got vaccine appt. in Plattsburgh, dreaded the drive; daughter in NJ got them one in HF

Hi Mark,
 Really was interested in reading your article about going to Plattsburgh for your vaccines. We

had appointments — made over a month ago — for April 6th, there.

Were not looking forward to driving that far twice.

Our daughter in NJ got on Walgreens site and got us times for last Wed., Dix Ave. HF. She was on at midnight and sent them to us Sun. AM. Next appointment 3/17. We are happier than

have been in month of my trying morning, noon and all evening. I found the process very stressful.

Glad your experience went well. Did cancel our April times and they thanked me for calling them to cancel.

Solid *Chronicle* issue — lots I enjoyed. Thanks.

— Jane Perkins, Kingsbury

Internet orders help offset loss of in-person events; expect sap flow starting now.

Maple syrup biz OK despite Covid

By Zander Frost
 Chronicle Staff

The pandemic continues to crimp in-person activities, but local maple producers are upbeat as they gear up for peak season of sap flowing and syrup making.

"Our sales have actually been up," said David Campbell of Mapleland Farms in Salem. "Our restaurant sales are down," but "people are eating more pancakes, or cooking more with syrup, I don't know what they're doing with it. Our Internet sales have been about double what they were before. All over the country."

Matt Rathbun, of Rathbun's Maple Sugar House in Whitehall, agrees. "We got a lot of orders online. A lot of people are staying home doing home cooking, and they wanna use maple syrup. Yesterday I sent one box to Alas-

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