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## Fenway Park charity run to benefit Iraq, Afghanistan veterans

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(Courtesy: New Balance)

Making the announcement last week alongside Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital officials during a live simulcast of a morning sports talk show on WEEI and NESN (from left to right) WEEI's Gerry Callahan, Brighton-based New Balance company President and CEO Rob DiMartini, Veterans Outreach Coordinator for the program Bob Davis, veteran Eric Emond of Dorchester, and WEEI's John Dennis.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The second-annual 9K charity run through Boston and ending at home plate inside Fenway Park will benefit veterans like Eric Emond of Dorchester returning from either Iraq and Afghanistan.

Emond, an Army Special Forces sergeant, served five tours in the two countries before he was seriously injured last year in an insurgent attack in Afghanistan.

"There are a lot of service men and women who are struggling with their injuries who need to know there is a team behind them when they get home," Emond said in a press release. "The Run to Home Base is a way to not only say thanks, but step up to the plate to serve those who have served all of us. As a community, we are all strengthened when we share both the benefits and

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The 2011 "Run to Home Base Presented by New Balance" announced last week and set for May 22 – the Sunday the Red Sox wrap up their home, weekend series against the Chicago Cubs – will raise money to support clinical treatment for veterans returning with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries, and their families.

The event raised more than \$2.5 million in its [inaugural run last year](#), event officials said.

All donations made in support of runners are tax deductible. Donations via check can be sent to the Red Sox Foundation/Home Base Program, 4 Yawkey Way, Boston MA 02215.

For more information on the Home Base Program, visit, [www.homebaseprogram.org](http://www.homebaseprogram.org). For more information on the event, and to register, visit, [www.runtohomebase.org](http://www.runtohomebase.org).

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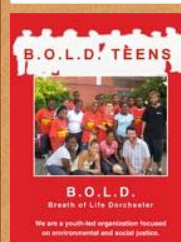
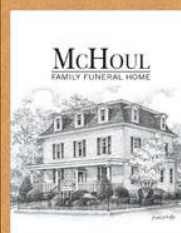
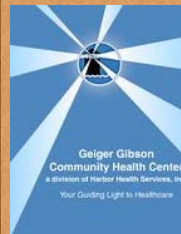
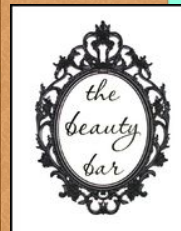
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