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2018 SHAPE WOMEN S HALF-MARATHON Draws Thousands Of Women From Around The World

New York s Central Park,Sunday, April 15

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For the Third Year in a Row, the SHAPE Women's Half-Marathon hosted its Annual Women Run the World Relay & Mentorship Program. The Relay honored 13 Notable Female Leaders across Multiple Industries, while also highlighting the Importance of Supporting, Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation of Women.

Each of the 13 Honorees were paired with a Young Woman from NYRR's Run for the Future Program, which trains New York City High School Girls to run their First 5K Race, build and strengthen Self-Confidence, and earn Money toward College.

Each Pair ran or walked a One-Mile Leg of the Course as part of a Relay Team.

- * Amber Rees – Co-founder, Brave Body Project
- * Bridget Moynahan – Actress and Activist
- * Brooke Mullen – Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor
- * CeCe Olisa – Blogger and Entrepreneur
- * Daniela Soto-Innes – Chef Partner, Cosme & Atla
- * Francia Raisa – Actress
- * Katia Beauchamp – Co-Founder and CEO of Birchbox
- * Kira Stokes – Celebrity Trainer & Creator of "The Stoked Method"
- * Leah Cohen – Chef and Co-owner of New York City's Pig & Khao and Jersey City's Piggyback Bar
- * Lindsey Clayton – Co-founder, Brave Body Project
- * Megyn Kelly – Host, NBC News' "Megyn Kelly TODAY"
- * Rebecca Kennedy – Holistic Fitness Trainer, Peloton Tread Master Instructor
- * Tori Bowie – Olympic Runner and Gold Medalist

In addition to the 13 Notable Women of the Women Run the World Relay, Cynthia Erivo, Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award Winning Actress and Singer, sang the National Anthem, and Jen Widerstrom, SHAPE Fitness Director and Best-Selling Author of Diet Right for Your Personality Type, presented at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Megyn Kelly, host of NBC's Megyn Kelly TODAY, acted as the Race Host, delivering Opening and Closing Remarks at the Day's Events.

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Ethiopia's Askale Merachi crossed the Finish Line in 1:15:18; New York residents Kate Pallardy (1:19:11) and Mary Bida (1:23:40) finished in Second and Third respectively.

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