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TEAM BENTLEY-GRACE ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THE WORLD RECORD FOR A WHEELCHAIR ASSISTED MARATHON.

Bentley-Grace Hicks and Chris Nasser set to compete in the 2021 Boston Marathon.

Atlanta, Georgia – After breaking the Guinness World Record “unofficially” during the 2020 SNICKERS Marathon, Bentley-Grace Hicks and running partner Chris Nasser will attempt to officially set the record during this year’s Boston Marathon.

The current record is 2 hours, 58 minutes and 40 seconds, set in 2019 by Marcus Green and Phil Rossall of the United Kingdom. In 2020, Team Bentley-Grace broke the world-record time at the SNICKERS Marathon by almost 9 minutes – 2 hours, 49 minutes and 56 seconds – but the attempt did not meet the requirements to be recognized by Guinness as the official world record.



This time, team Bentley-Grace has formally applied – and been approved – by Guinness to attempt to set a new world record during the 2021 Boston Marathon set for October 11, 2021, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Bentley-Grace began racing in 2015 and running partner Chris Nasser brings along record of achievements to the team including being a 2-time Ironman World Championship Finisher, an Ironman 70.3 World Championship Finisher, and a 2-time Boston Marathon Finisher.

Despite his solo accomplishments, Chris feels that his best race results are when he is a part of Team Bentley-Grace pushing the team while Bentley-Grace pushes him to better and better race results.

According to Chris, “Bentley-Grace brings out my best. She’s a competitor and her enthusiasm is contagious. You just want to do all you can when you’re with Bentley-Grace. I’m excited that we qualified for Boston and that Guinness has approved our attempt to break the world record.”

Bentley-Grace is thrilled to have the opportunity. “I think our team shows that it’s possible to push past your challenges and lead a ‘Yes You Can’ life. That’s why I started racing and why I started ‘Race4Grace’ to support the Kyle Pease Foundation.”

“Race 4 Grace” is an annual 10K / 5K event held in Atlanta with all proceeds going to the Kyle Pease Foundation to create awareness and promote success for persons with disabilities by providing assistance to meet their individual needs through sports.

Bentley-Grace added, “I think it’s important that people see me doing what I love with people I love. The chance to set a world record is something most people never have the opportunity to accomplish, but I know with Chris, we’re going to do it!”

To officially qualify as a world record, Guinness requires extensive evidence including:

- One cover letter explaining the context of the record attempt
- Official race results
- A statement from the race organizer/director
- Two independent witness statements
- Proof that the race is officially certified, sanctioned or recognized
- Photographic evidence
- Video evidence

Team Bentley-Grace has checked every box and is looking forward to the attempt. Chris summed up the attempt by saying, “We’ve already broken the record unofficially by almost 9 minutes. All we have to do is run our race. I know that when we cross the finish, we will have a lot to celebrate. So will all of the people who have supported us over the years.”

If you would like more information about Team Bentley-Grace and their attempt to set the World Record for a wheel chair assisted marathon, **PLEASE CONTACT:** Lee Hicks - 678 592-1434 - info@Race4Grace.com

ABOUT THE **KYLE PEASE** FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Kyle Pease Foundation is to create awareness and raise funds to promote success for persons with disabilities by providing assistance to meet their individual needs through sports.

Programs may include scholarship opportunities, purchasing of medical equipment or adaptive sports equipment for others or contributing to other organizations that provide similar assistance to disabled persons as well as participating in educational campaigns to create awareness about Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities.



ABOUT RACE 4 GRACE

First held in 2018, Race 4 Grace is an annual 10k / 5k charity race with all proceeds benefiting the Kyle Pease Foundation. Race 4 Grace is working to expand beyond Atlanta to eventually hold events nationwide and help persons with disabilities everywhere live their own “Yes You Can” lives.

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TEAM BENTLEY-GRACE **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

2021 Boston Marathon **Qualified**

2021 Peachtree Road Race – **1st Place** - 36:58

2020 SNICKERS Marathon - **1st Place** - 2:49:56 - PR

2020 Publix Half Marathon - **1st Place** - 1:24:11 - PR

2020 New York Marathon **Lottery Winner**

2020 Hearts & Soles 5K - **1st Place** - Female/Male

2019 Jingle Bell Run - **1st Place**

2019 Big Peach Sizzler 10K - **1st Place**

2019 Peachtree Road Race - **1st Place** - Course Record - 36:04

2019 Hotlanta Half Marathon - **1st Place**

2019 Strong4Life Superhero Sprint - **1st Place**

2019 Tri-Cities 10K - **1st Place in Division / 4th Place Overall**

2019 Run & LOVETT 5K - **1st Place**

2019 Hearts & Soul 5K - **1st Place**

2019 Publix Half Marathon - **1st Place**

2018 Atlanta Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon - **1st Place**

2018 Marine Corp Marathon - **3rd Place**

2018 Hotlanta Half Marathon - **1st Place**

2018 Run & Lovett 5K - **1st Place**

2016 Peachtree Road Race - **1st Ever Female Assisted Athlete**

2015 Marine Corp Marathon - **3rd Place**

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