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## Texan Races To Find Cure For Muscular Dystrophy



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FORT WORTH (CBS 11 / TXA 21) — One North Texan is racing to find a cure for muscular dystrophy. John Killian runs to beat his personal best. He runs to beat the disease that is affecting his son, Sam.

"You can't run very far. You can't jump too much. And you get cramps very often," Sam Killian said of his ailment. Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a degenerative disease that will cause the muscles in his body to break down over

"We were looking for things we could do that would have an impact," explained John Killian. "So, we got involved with an organization Project Muscular Dystrophy." Six months later, John ran his first marathon to raise money.

"I just see it being very similar, in a very small scale, to what Sam goes through every day," John said of his marathon running. "You just and you keep on going no matter how you feel."

And on November 1, 50 people will be running in the New York Marathon in honor of Sam. Craig Miller of SportsRadio 1310 The Ticket hosted those 50 participants. "I didn't know anything about it before I started, and I didn't realize how many people are touched by it," Miller said. "I've almost got a person, a smile to think of as you're running."

Dan Crawford is running his first marathon. He is the principal of Amy Parks Elementary School, where Sam attends. "When it's rainy you don't want to get up and go for that early morning run, you think about Sam and what he goes through on a daily basis," Crawford said.

The Killians have raised nearly \$1 million in honor of Sam, and the goal for the New York Marathon is to raise another \$500,000.

Along with marathons, the Killians also host [Sam's Family Fun Day Texas](#), scheduled this year for October 24.

"It's a great feeling," John said, "just knowing that I am doing something for him."

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