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### **Zondervan Author Ryan Hall Meet & Greet**

**Grand Rapids, MI February 21, 2019** – The Amway River Bank Run announced today that Zondervan Author, Ryan Hall will be signing books at The **FREE** Sports & Fitness Expo on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the DeVos Place.

“We are excited to have an Elite Athlete like Ryan here to share his inspirational story” said former seven-time winner Greg Meyer, Elite Athlete Coordinator. “Ryan’s bio is quite impressive he holds the American record for the half marathon (59:43) and has the fastest marathon time ever run by an American, with a PR of 2:04:58. He represented the United States at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games in the marathon. Ryan grew up in Big Bear Lake in Southern California, attended Stanford University, and is retired from professional running. Ryan is a coach and speaker and lives in Flagstaff, AZ, with his wife, Sara, and their four adopted daughters from Ethiopia.”

“We are excited that Ryan has chosen Grand Rapids as one of the top running destinations to promote his new book, Run the Mile You’re In published by Grand Rapids based Zondervan. Ryan will be in the Gazelle Sports area at the Amway River Bank Sports & Fitness Expo on Friday from 12p – 2p and 4p – 6p signing autographs of his new book,” said David Madiol, Race Director.

The Amway River Bank Run presented by Fifth Third Bank with Spectrum Health the Official Health Partner will celebrate 42 years of road running on Saturday, May 11, 2019. More than 18,000 people are expected to compete in the event, which features the largest 25K road race in the country and offers the only 25K Wheelchair racing division in the world along with a 25K Handcycle division.