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Dear _____,

On Sunday, May 20, 2012, I'll be participating in an incredible event called the Run-Walk to Home Base Presented by New Balance. The Run-Walk to Home Base is a unique fundraising event through scenic Boston ending with the once-in-a-lifetime experience of crossing "home base" (plate) at historic Fenway Park.

The Run-Walk to Home Base will honor heroic veterans and help raise much needed funds for the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. Funds raised for the Home Base Program provide clinical care to the many veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with combat stress disorders and/or traumatic brain injury and counseling support to their families.

As an adult (age 16 and over), I have pledged to raise a minimum of \$1,000 but have set my personal goal even higher. So I need your help. You can support my efforts and donate at www.runtohomebase.org. Simply click on "Support a Runner or Walker" and search for my name.

According to the 2008 RAND Corporation study "The Invisible Wounds of War," of the 1.64 million service members who have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan up to that point, nearly one in five currently suffers from combat stress disorders. In addition, nearly 20 percent of veterans who served in these ongoing conflicts experienced a concussion or other traumatic brain injury during their tours of duty. That's why I'm joining the Run-Walk to Home Base. I hope that you'll support me.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

With gratitude,
