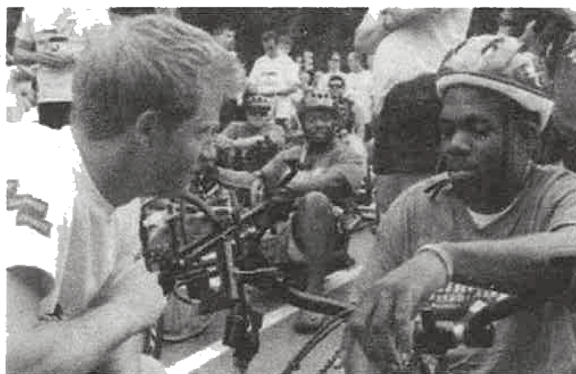


# U-HAUL HONORS THE "FREEDOM TEAM" OF WOUNDED VETERANS

Team U-Haul supported the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans during the annual Achilles Hope and Possibility 5K Marathon in Central Park, New York City. And on June 27, 2010, more than 5,500 people participated in the Achilles Hope and Possibility Race through Central Park, to raise money to support the Achilles Track Club. This year's event featured the largest turnout for the Achilles Hope and Possibility Marathon, and the Freedom Team even had the honor of walking with Prince Harry. They were also visited by Cindy and Meghan McCain, who addressed the Freedom Team directly during a private ceremony the day prior to the walk. The McCains let these veterans know just how much the family respected their service to our country. Having both Prince Harry and McCain family members in attendance provided the marathon with lots of publicity, which boosted the veterans' morale tremendously.



Source: U-Haul International

Prince Harry of England, himself a veteran of Afghanistan, speaks to a member of the Freedom Team



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Cindy McCain poses with a local Gold Star Mother at the race

The Achilles Track Club's mission is to enable people with all types of physical challenges to participate in mainstream athletics, and to promote personal achievement by lowering barriers between people. Within this organization, another group has emerged: the Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans. These men and women are recently wounded soldiers who have returned from overseas, many of whom are being rehabilitated at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The U-Haul Media and Public Relations Department, along with U-Haul Company of Long Island (Co. 806), U-Haul Company of Manhattan/Bronx (Co. 803), U-Haul Company of Brooklyn/Queens (Co. 811), U-Haul Company of Northern New Jersey

(Co. 814) and District 11 Area District Vice President (ADVP) Doug Wynne formed a team of 40 U-Haul Team members who participated in the race as "Team U-Haul," walking in support of the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans.

Upon their arrival in New York, the Freedom Team was escorted through the city by a group of Vietnam veterans on motorcycles as well as by members of the NYC Police Department. U-Haul Team members were present upon their arrival and provided the Freedom Team with gift bags, and enjoyed lunch with them at the Union League Club of Manhattan.

"Being able to enjoy these days with the many veterans on the Freedom Team is always inspiring and allows us to reflect on what is important in life!" exclaimed Joanne Fried, director of U-Haul Media and Public Relations. "We all need to take a moment in our busy days to appreciate what we have and be thankful to those who are defending our freedom."

