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Chicago is My Start Line - Dr. Diganta Kalita

Whether it is for a charity, a healthier lifestyle, or simply to build resilience, I have been running 26.2 miles through the streets of downtown Chicago every year since 2021 after moving to Chicago with my family.

Along with run every mile in a marathon I have tried to spread awareness and raise some funding support for causes close to my heart—helping fight hunger through organizations like the Illinois Food Bank, supporting children who need a safe and caring home through Mercy Home, standing beside families facing difficult medical treatments through Ronald McDonald House Charities, and supporting the dream of building a Naamghar to preserve our Assamese culture, heritage, and identity here in the United States.

This year, I am taking on a new challenge—another 26.2 miles in Madison Wisconsin to inspire others and remind the resilience together we can make a difference.

