

Mayor mashes for The Salvation Army

Anchorage, Alaska Mayor Dan Sullivan can add accomplished dog musher to his resume after competing in the first ever ExxonMobil Top Dog Charity Dog Sled Race. As one of five local celebrity mushers, Sullivan raced to benefit The Salvation Army and Victims for Justice. Exxon provided a \$20,000 purse to be divided between all selected charities.



Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan
and Captain Daniel Freeman
Photo by Jenni Ragland



Following a half-hour training session, Sullivan was first out of the chute, heading out on the 2.3-mile trail with his team. As he rounded the final corner, The Salvation Army brass ensemble played him across the finish line, as his supporters (all sporting Irish green in his honor) cheered him on.

For his fourth-place finish, Sullivan presented a \$1,000 check to each of his charities and stated, “I was proud to support The Salvation Army and all the good work they do for our community. Of particular concern to me are issues involving homelessness—the Army’s efforts helping that population are essential to us as a city.”