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Hello! My name is Genny Hutchison, and I've never been a runner. In fact, when I heard about my friends running marathons, I always laughed and said - that will never be me. However, there was always this nagging little voice in the back of my head telling me I really wanted to run... at least a couple miles. This voice got louder as the years went on, urging me to just try it. I might like it! So... I started getting into shape. I still avoided running, though. It always seemed too hard.

Then, my boyfriend decided he wanted to run a half marathon... and he wanted me to sign up as well. I was terrified. But I hate backing down from a challenge, so I signed up with him for Team in Training. I was so nervous to go to my first practice, but when I got there, I was welcomed with open arms. The staff and

fellow participants were friendly, supportive, and enthusiastic. They helped me fall in love with running and with TNT's mission. With their help and constant encouragement, I completed my first endurance event - the 2011 Disneyland Half Marathon. Now I'm a runner. It's something I never thought I would be able to say about myself, and I'm so thankful TNT helped me achieve this goal.

I decided to come back to Team in Training as a Mentor because I want to help other people realize their goals. I know I never would have gotten through that first practice without TNT's dedicated support staff. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and now I'm ready to pass this passion on to others.

I want to help you all reach that finish line. Go Team!

