Kids Run the Nation®

The Kids Run the Nation program goal is to support gender- and ability-inclusive youth running programs in every school and community in the United States. Since 1986, the RRCA has circulated over a hundred thousand copies of our program materials and provided grants through the Kids Run the Nation Fund to hundreds of programs.

Your financial support helps inspire children to adopt running as a healthy, lifelong activity.
Kids Run the Nation Fund

Why Give?

Your donation allows RRCA to provide grants to running clubs, schools, and community-based nonprofits seeking to implement or currently hosting youth running programs.

100% of your donation is granted to deserving gender-inclusive programs and is not used for administrative costs.

38% of grants go to programs at Title I Schools that serve diverse student populations living at or below the poverty level.
**Kids Run the Nation Grant Data**

**Program Diversity**
- White: 48%
- Black: 14%
- Latinx: 25%
- Native American: 1%
- Multi-race: 6%

**Supported Programs**
- Adaptive Programs: 4%
- Title I School Programs: 38%
- Native & Pacific Island Programs: 3%
- School Based Programs: 15%
- Nonprofit Programs: 40%

**Gender**
- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%

Over 70% of student runners at Title I School programs receive free and reduced lunches.

Over 335,380 granted to youth running programs since 2007.

Over 450 grants provided to youth running programs since 2007.

Over 177,200 children engaged in Kids Run the Nation grantee programs since 2007.

Over 20% of children engaged in Kids Run the Nation grantee programs have documented special education and emotional support needs. National average of special education students is 15%.

Data is based on self-reporting by grantees and reflects information from grants provided by RRCA between 2019-2023. ¹ From Pew Research Center.
Our Mission

RRCA champions the development and success of community-based running organizations that empower all people to participate in the sport in pursuit of health, well-being, and competition.

Our Vision

Empowering Everyone to Run!

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Give to the Kids Run the Nation Fund!

The RRCA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization (EIN 23-7283854) that is registered to fundraise in all requiring states. We are the oldest and largest association of running organizations and runners in the United States, growing the sport since 1958.