



## Strides for Peace 2019 Race Against Gun Violence

**WHEN:** June 6, 2019, 6:30-9:30PM

**WHERE:** Arvey Field, Grant Park, Chicago IL

**VISION:** We believe all of Chicagoland has a stake in ending gun violence and that by working together, we change more than the narrative of our city — we save lives. By focusing on what we share in common, we can find new ways to support the work on the ground and bring out the best in our city.

**GOALS:** Central to the Race Against Gun Violence (RAGV) is the goal to build capacity, promote collaboration and celebrate hope. The RAGV is the rallying point to raise funds for and awareness about what is being done to end gun violence and build Chicago's future. It is an opportunity to change the narrative about Chicago, call concerned citizens to action and show the world that our city can come together to end gun violence.

**WHAT:** There is a race for every age and fitness level, as well as opportunities to volunteer. It is a family-friendly evening to celebrate the life changing work of Strides for Peace's nonprofit Community Partners and Affiliates, and provide a platform for people who care about ending gun violence in Chicago to connect and get involved. Strides for Peace has 9 Community Partners and a 30+ Affiliates who participate and are the beneficiaries of the event.

**PROGRAM and TIMELINE:** This event features local community organizations working to end gun violence. There is a brief program to acknowledge leaders and sponsors in attendance, and a musical performance before the race. After the race, there is an awards presentation and a DJ with dancing.

Onsite Registration and Packet Pick-Up: 5:00PM

Tots for Peace Sprint: 6:30PM

Welcome and Acknowledgments: 6:40PM

Live Performance CSO/Civic with Takesha Mishé Kizart: 6:50PM

8K Run: 7:00PM | 5K Run: 7:05PM | 2 Mile Walk: 7:15PM Live 6:50PM

Medal Ceremony and Congratulatory Remarks: 8:15PM

DJ and Post-Race Party: Immediately following - 9:30PM

**RACE:** The 8k and 5k runs are USATF Certified, with a beautiful course running along the lake. There is also a 2 mile walk and a Tots for Peace sprint for children 2- 10 years old. Opportunities to participate as a volunteer or virtual runner are also available.

**FUNDRAISE:** Community Partners and Affiliates have the opportunity to use the Race Against Gun Violence online platform to raise funds for their organization, receiving 100% of all funds raised through their efforts. All donations to Strides for Peace are distributed to our Community Partner organizations.

**WHY NOW:** With levels of gun violence in Chicago higher than New York City and L.A. combined and the homicide gap in Chicago increasing, the time is now to come together and support the life-changing work taking place in our city every day. The race is held in June to be close to National Gun Violence Awareness Day. While Strides for Peace does not engage in political advocacy, we chose the month of June to stand in solidarity with others in the urgent need reduce gun violence, and to help to bring people and organizations from across Chicago together to find a solution.

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Connect. Commit. Contribute. Change. Be Part of Building Peace in Chicago

## RACE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

8K & 5K RUN\* | 2-MILE WALK  
TOTS FOR PEACE SPRINT

\*USATF Certified Courses



Program starts 6:30 PM | Arvey Field, Grant Park, Chicago

Be part of building peace. Join the Race Against Gun Violence and #celebratehope

### 2018 Fast Facts:

**1550 registered runners and walkers** — a 220% increase from 2017! Your participation helps build a platform to bring people together and support organizations striving to stop gun violence.

- 36% of runners from Chicagoland's wealthiest zip codes
- 34% of runners from Chicagoland's poorest zip codes
- 176 different zip codes represented overall
- 23% youth participants (under 21)

**Over \$62,500 raised** — a more than 500% increase!! All donations go directly to participating non-profits who work every day to build a better, safer Chicago where all can thrive.

**42 participating non-profits** — a 200% increase! Our Community Partners and Affiliates serve a variety of communities and employ a range of strategies, but all share the common goal of ending gun violence.

**95 teams**, including 20 corporate teams, joined us from all over the region.

**150+ volunteers** donated their time and talent to make the race run smoothly. A special thanks to the Advocate Health Care Team for staffing and supplying the medical tent!

**14 amazing Race Committee members** who were instrumental in planning and executing the race.

**16 new and returning Sponsors** provided in-kind and financial support to make the race both possible and enjoyable.

**9 Civic Partners** who lent their name, networks and expertise to help elevate the race and demonstrate how Chicago can come together to solve a common problem.

View our 2018 race video at: <https://www.stridesforpeace.org/race/>