



BE PART OF BUILDING PEACE. JOIN THE RACE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE AND #CHOOSEHOPE

"Loved the sense of community on the day of the race!!!! I anticipated it to a degree but there is really no way to experience it other than being there!"

"I enjoyed the opportunity to build relationships with other community organizations doing great work in our city, and the musical performances that highlighted the purpose of the event."

"The whole entire experience was beautiful, I lost my daughter this year to Gun Violence and my second oldest daughter was a survivor of gun violence as well, so this was something that meant a lot to my family."

"Great location, great course, strong community feel afterwards."

2019 FAST FACTS

1862 registered runners and walkers — a 20% increase from 2018! Your participation helps build a platform to bring people together and support organizations striving to end gun violence.

- 39% of runners from Chicagoland's wealthiest zip codes
- 47% of runners from Chicagoland's poorest zip codes
- 215 different zip codes and 18 states represented overall
- 18% youth participants (21 and under)

Over \$120,000 raised — nearly double last year's fundraising total, with 60% of donations coming from outside of Chicago! All donations go directly to participating non-profits who work every day to build a better, safer Chicago where all can thrive, free from the fear of gun violence.

49 participating non-profits — a 25% 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.

110 teams, including 25 corporate teams, joined us from all over the region.

200 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!

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

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

13 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.

98% of Attendees plan to participate in RAGV next year!

View our 2019 race video at: <https://vimeo.com/357212986>



Strides for Peace 2020 Race Against Gun Violence

WHEN: June 4, 2020, 6:00-9:30PM

WHERE: 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 partners and provide a platform for people who care about ending gun violence in Chicago to connect and get involved. Strides for Peace has nine Community Partners and 49 Affiliates (2019) 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.

5:00 - 6:30PM: On-site Registration and Packet Pick-Up

6:00PM: Tots for Peace Sprint with Chicago Mascots!

6:30PM: Welcome and Acknowledgments

6:35PM: Live Performance CSO/Civic Orchestra

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

8:00PM Live Performance 8:15PM: Medal Ceremony and Congratulatory Remarks

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

RACE: The 8k and 5k runs are USATF-Certified, with a beautiful, lakefront course. 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 on-line 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: We are making progress. Thanks to dedicated efforts of community organizations, law enforcement, civic leaders, volunteers, and countless others, Gun violence rates in Chicago are on track to decline 12% in 2019 compared to 2018. Still, our city suffers more gun-related deaths and shootings than New York City and Los Angeles combined. And while overall rates are declining in Chicago, the "homicide gap," continues to grow, whereby some communities continue to experience levels of gun violence that are on par with some of the most dangerous places in the world. There is clearly much more work to be done. We are #BetterTogether.