



Strides for Peace

Participation Opportunities and Criteria

Civic Partners

Purpose

To bring together like-minded non-profit, academic, and civic organizations who are committed to reducing gun violence and creating a safer, better Chicago for all, and facilitate collaboration among like-minded organizations.

Eligibility

Organizations are eligible to become Strides for Peace Civic Partners if they meet the following criteria:

- Are a non-profit, academic, or civic organization based in Chicago
- Have a mission that is directly or indirectly involved in reducing gun-violence including mentoring, sports and recreation, arts, education, job and career preparation, cognitive-behavioral therapy and community development
- Offer non-political/advocacy/lobbying programs

Process to Become a Civic Partner

For consideration, please send a brief introductory email to mary@stridesforpeace.org stating why your organization would like to become a Civic Partner and how you believe your organization's mission will be advanced by being part of Strides for Peace (SFP).

This information will be reviewed by SFP's board of directors, and notification of approval will occur within 1-2 weeks. Once approved, you will be asked to provide the following documentation:

- your organization's mission statement;
- your organization's logos and photographs to be included in Strides for Peace's promotional and digital materials.

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Expectations

As a Civic Partner, as applicable to your organization's mission and activities, you will be invited to:

- Share information with Strides for Peace about best practices, events, and initiatives focused on ending gun violence/building peace in Chicago that relate to Strides for Peace's mission and may be of interest to our Community Partners.
- Inform your organizational network(s) about Strides for Peace and our Race to End Gun Violence through email, social media, and other communication outlets as applicable.
- Provide your logo to be included on Strides for Peace's website, publications, and other communication/marketing vehicles.
- Sign a memorandum of understanding regarding the use of logo and images as well as a general spirit valuing collaboration.

Benefits of Being a Civic Partner

- Referrals/connections to potential partners related to your mission.
- Publicity for your activities and events with Strides for Peace's network and social media platforms.
- Referral/invitation to value-added opportunities and events.
- Introductions to individuals interested in supporting organizations working to stop gun violence
- Informal network of non-profit, academic, and civic organizations interested in helping to advance each other's missions.