



Girls on the Run®-Chicago and McDonald's of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Celebrates Balanced, Active Lifestyles with the WonderGirl 5K

Local race brings together 10,000 eight to fourteen year old girls, parents, teachers, friends and running community to celebrate self-respect and inspiration along the way

- WHO:** Nearly 4,500 girls aged 8 - 14 will celebrate their "girl power" by running 3.1 miles together with their parents, teachers and community members. Ronald McDonald will be on hand to help lead the pre-race warm-ups, along with Bonnie Greene of US99.5 and Rebecca Ortiz from B96.
- WHAT:** The McDonald's Owner/Operators of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (MOCNI) joins Girls on the Run® Chicago for their annual spring WonderGirl 5k to help promote balanced, active lifestyle within the community. The Girls on the Run® Chicago WonderGirl 5K is the capstone of the girls' spring after-school program during which they spent 12 weeks learning skills that help them develop confidence and character needed to become strong women. All finishers will receive a special finisher's medal and proceeds from the event will aid in expanding the program across the Chicagoland area.
- WHEN:** Saturday, June 4th
Interview Time: 8 a.m.
Race Begins: 9:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Montrose Harbor Beach House
4400 N. Lake Shore Drive,
Chicago, IL 60640
- CONTACT:** Media and camera crews are welcome to cover the WonderGirl 5k beginning at 8 a.m. McDonald's Owner/Operator Tanya Lawrence and Betsy Armstrong, Executive Director of Girls on the Run® Chicago will be available for one-on-one interviews, sound bites and photo opportunities upon request.

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About MOCNI

McDonald's Owners of Chicago and Northwest Indiana represent more than 100 owner/operators and nearly 500 restaurants throughout the greater Chicagoland region, including stores as far north as Gurnee, west as Marengo, south as Watseka and east to Northwest Indiana. MOCNI manages and facilitates all marketing, sports, community relations, educational and philanthropic programs throughout the region, and is responsible for implementing and maintaining consistency at every Chicagoland restaurant. Visit MOCNI's social media outlets: Twitter: @McD_Chicago and @McD_NWIndiana and Facebook: facebook.com/McDonalds

About Girls on the Run-Chicago

Girls On The Run®-Chicago uses the power of running to change the way girls see themselves and their opportunities. The nonprofit after school program is hosted by almost 200 Chicago area schools. The interactive curriculum builds self esteem and improves physical and emotional health by combining life skills lessons with training for a 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk , the Girls on the Run Spring 5K. Over 6000 girls will participate in the program at schools and community sites across Chicagoland this year.