

# Run BeCAUSE you could save someone's life

Winnetka to host third charity run to raise awareness for diabetes

by Stephanie Kim

Summer will be in full swing on June 23, 2018, when Run BeCAUSE will host its third annual charity run at Winnetka's Indian Hill Park and Green Bay Trail to raise awareness for Type 1 Diabetes.

Founded in 2015 by a group of 10 New Trier students, Run BeCAUSE hosts three one-mile races that benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or JDRF.

JDRF is a "leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research" whose goal is "to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications for the millions of children, adults, and families affected by this disease."

According to runbecause.org, 100 per cent of the proceeds go towards the beneficiary.

The organization of the run is passed down every year to a new group of young athletes and students in the community.

Sponsor of the and mentor for the committee group, Jennifer Woolford, said, "Personally, my favorite thing is seeing how the responsibility and enthusiasm of the cause is passed down each year. I love the mentorship aspect- getting to nurture the collaboration, but also the mentorship amongst the different committees. Each year it changes, so seeing how each group of new and old people work together is wonderful."

This year, the committee consists of 17 New Trier students, all of whom desire to continue the



Run BeCAUSE committee members met at Indian Hill Park, where the run is scheduled to take place | Woolford

mission that has been the cornerstone of Run BeCAUSE's goals since its conception.

"This year's group is really enthusiastic. All of them are athletes or theater kids, or are in some way involved in the school. Not to mention, some students are younger siblings of previous committee members, and some are new. We also have a mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors, so it really feels like multiple areas of the school are coming together.

"Our mission is to provide an event that brings the community together while raising money for a good cause," said senior committee member Zach Crispino.

Run BeCAUSE is also an effective way to give back to and build camaraderie within the community.

"The race is a great way to give back to the community [and] helps to bring the community together. It was great last year to be working in the race and to see so many families from the North Shore come out, talking with each other and meeting new

people," explained Crispino.

In addition to wanting to help out with the cause, many of the community members are involved in Run BeCAUSE for more personal reasons, such as being members of New Trier's cross country and track teams, in the cases of Zummer and Crispino.

For others, such as sophomore community member Jordan Shonfeld, they were inspired to continue the work of the original founders.

"I was inspired to join Run BeCAUSE this year by my two older brothers who were founding members," said Shonfeld. "So far, my experience with this charity has been overwhelmingly positive."

For 2018, the committee hopes to reach and exceed the amount raised and number of participants in the race in 2017, along with a variety of other incremental improvements.

Last year, Run BeCAUSE raised about \$17,000, and in the past two years, they have raised over \$41,000, according to Shonfeld and Crispino.

"The beauty of a mile is

that anyone can do it, and we encourage everyone to come out and participate," said Crispino.

"We hope to raise even more and are looking for new sponsors and more people to attend the race," said Zummer.

The committee hopes to bring 250+ runners to the race and to raise over \$20,000.

"We are [also] looking to extend our Social Media outreach and improve our post-race party," added Shonfeld.

"Run BeCAUSE has taught me a lot about how much goes on behind the scenes in a fundraising event, which I've found really enjoyable," said Zummer.

"I love being able to meet new people and having a purpose that I care about behind all the work that we are doing."

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it rather than hope it goes away by ignoring it, only to have the problem persist", explained Hayes.

In hopes of stimulating change, administrators are working together with student activities to meet with clubs and individual students to plan for more days and events dedicated entirely to discussing the experiences and challenges faced by students of color.

"The more that, as administrators, we understand the experiences of lots of different students and parents, the better we can administer the school by being able to create policies that have positive impacts on students and addressing issues of concerns," said Hayes.

However, both students and staff agree that everyone needs to participate in initiating important conversations, regardless of whether or not special time is allotted for it.

"[Change] could take the shape of having more days like Seminar Day, or MLK day, or simply reading and discussing more literature from the perspective of a black person, or a latinx person. I think that it's really important to have more race-related conversations in our classes because these are they places where the most learning and understanding can occur," added Schreder.

Alessandra Dutra, a senior member of Student Voices in Equity added that students should also be willing to stand up for one another and address the problem head on.

"Call [others] out if they're using slurs," she said. "Whether they're your friend or a random person, if you're standing by and letting it happen then it's just as bad as saying the words yourself."

## Library ensures no book goes to waste

New Trier donates old books to local rotary club

by Danielle Kurensky

The library donated books to a local charity as the new library has less square footage for book storage.

When drafting plans for the current library, the librarians prioritized having more space for students to relax and collaborate with others over space to store books.

While the new library created a large amount of books to be donated, the library is constantly going through the catalog and donating books no longer deemed useful.

In order to determine if a book should stay in the library, the librarians go through a common set of questions to assess the value of the book. Rare or unique items are usually kept because they can provide a particular viewpoint to students.

According to Erika Immel, the library department chair, "What we find to be the case especially with social issues is they are just out of date. We don't want to hand a student a book about immigration that was written ten years ago," said Immel.

Every time the library receives a new book, the department gets rid of one no longer used. Statistics about a book's usage play a large role in deciding if the library should keep it. "We are able to run reports to see if there are any books that haven't



The new library removed shelves of books to make space for students | Shoup

circulated in a certain amount of time," said Immel.

If a certain book is no longer necessary in the library, the department begins a process of finding another use for the book. New Trier's Disposal Procedures instruct that first the library should see if the book can be used by another department within the district.

If not, the library often donates books to the Wilmette Rotary Club. Debbie Stacey, former Winnetka Campus Principal and current member of the Wilmette Rotary Club, initially reached out to the library informing them of a book drive the Wilmette Rotary Club was creating.

The library continues to donate books to the Wilmette Rotary Club. Immel said, "It is a local organization that we are supporting. We are so fortunate to have what we have here, so we want to give back."

Students also believe it is beneficial to donate books no longer

needed by the school. Eleanor Wefing, junior, said, "They should absolutely do that. I think it is really incredible."

Although students support the library donating books, they rarely check books out from the library themselves. JC Schumaker, junior, believes having to annotate for classes forces students to buy books. "We have to annotate books, so we can't use the library books," said Schumaker.

Many students use the library to print assignments, although few are fans of the new printing system. "It takes too long and everyone is crowding around the printer because it never works. It is just stressful," said senior Molly Gallagher.

Besides printing, many students use the library to study and get homework done. "I go to the library basically everyday and I usually go to silent study or the area by the fireplace," said Wefing.

## Paying the price on-campus for off-campus violations

No exemption for sober partygoers

by Elizabeth Johnson

Many students are disappointed at the treatment of student athletes who are reprimanded for being at events where there is drug and alcohol use, despite not partaking in any illegal activities themselves.

Any student caught with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or paraphernalia on- or off-campus can be punished due to violating the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Students with such items on-campus can face consequences from Adviser Chairs in addition to their athletic punishment.

According to the athletic department, all students who are present at off-campus events where drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are present are subject to discipline for violating the Code of Conduct. These cases are typically reported by parents or other students to athletic staff.

Based on the situation, students who are reported may receive varying degrees of punishment, which can be as severe as removal from the team.

As sports are such a critical part of many students' lives, many students feel punishment is unjust for those who were not actually participating in illegal activity, but were bystanders.

Junior Grace Guarraia said "People do go to parties to drink or smoke. But those who just go to

socialize can get caught in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Many students referenced the "New Trier culture" of partying, and said it is difficult to avoid such situations if a student has an interest in socializing.

Freshman Erin Zielke said, "Partying is a big part of New Trier. Just because someone is there does not mean they are doing something wrong. Students should be free to hang out and can make their own choices to stay safe."

However, both Guarraia and junior Katie Busch give credit to the school for maintaining safety as a priority.

"I's always good to have safety and health be a priority but it can be jeopardizing for many who aren't intending to use substances but are still punished," said Guarraia.

Busch agreed, "Teams are correct in punishing students who took part in something unhealthy. But, I don't think it's productive to punish the kids who made the right choice. You can't say it's for their health."

In order to have a more just system, Guarraia suggests a system in which students who did not partake in drug or alcohol use can have a chance to speak up.

"There should be some sort of system where kids who were there and were clean can explain themselves to adults, teachers, and other faculty members," said Guarraia.