

# **Big Shoulders Fund.®**

*2019 Chicago Half Marathon*

Racing Team

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Registration Packet

## Big Shoulders Fund



Big Shoulders Fund is an independent charitable organization that serves inner-city Catholic schools which provide a quality, values-based education for Chicago's children, thereby contributing to stronger communities. One hundred percent of funds currently raised support four major areas – scholarships and enrichment, operational improvements, academic programs, and leadership development – with the goal of not just strengthening schools, but whole communities, and preparing students for life-long success.

### Investing in the future

- 75 schools
- Serving nearly 20,000 students
  - 80% represent minorities
  - 66% live in poverty
  - 30% are not Catholic
- 600 teachers in Big Shoulders Fund talent development pipeline
- 43% of principals receiving leadership training and coaching

### Proven results

- 96% attendance rate
- Elementary students beat national averages for growth on standardized assessments
- 85% of scholars choose to attend a Catholic or selective/quality public school
- 95% high school graduation rate
- 85% graduating scholars enroll in college
- Alumni graduate from college at nearly 2x the national rate

### Leveraging change

- Values-based education saves taxpayers \$250 million annually
- On average 5,000 students receive Big Shoulders Fund scholarships
- 64 schools adopted by Patrons with personal and financial commitment to build a strategic plan for the future
- Eleven years receiving Charity Navigator's 4 star rating – fewer than one percent of charities achieve this
- Alumni go on to volunteer, work, vote, and study at rates higher than their peers

### Get involved

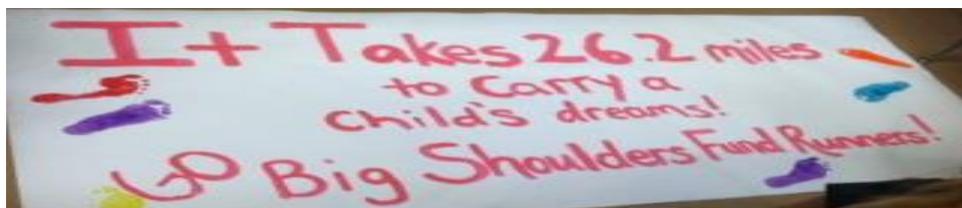
- Turnkey opportunities to make a difference from service events to ongoing mentoring, stock market program, school boards, tutoring, coaching, and more
- Hundreds of professionals involved in tutoring and mentoring across the city
- The Auxiliary Board has grown to 260 members and Chairmen's Advisory Council to 170 members

# Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team

## *Team Information*

### If you run with Big Shoulders Fund you will receive:

- The opportunity to help carry the dreams of 20,000 children attending one of the 75 Big Shoulders Fund schools
- Discount on Chicago Half Marathon
- Complimentary training program
- Personal website for fundraising
- Card from student after registering
- Fundraising tips and support
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Training kick-off event
- Pre-race dinner
- Running shirt
- Post-race celebration
- Student notes during training
- Fun runs with team and students
- Non-running team events:
  - Give Back Day
  - Socials
  - Safety seminars



### To be a member of the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team you must:

- Complete the Big Shoulders Fund team packet.
- Register for the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of your choice.
- Pay for your entrance into the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of your choice.
- Raise a minimum \$500 with the intention of going above and beyond.





It takes Big Shoulders to carry a child's dreams.

# Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team Registration Form

The net proceeds raised by the members of the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team running in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another half marathon of their choice will be used to support the Big Shoulders Fund mission which is to support Chicago's inner-city Catholic schools. Annually, Big Shoulders provides \$18 million a year to the 20,000 students in 75 schools. One hundred percent of funds currently raised support four major areas – scholarships and enrichment, operational improvements, academic programs, and leadership development – with the goal of strengthening schools and communities while preparing students for life-long success.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Race Chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes! I want to run for the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes! I will register and pay for the Half Marathon of my choice. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes! I would like to participate in the complimentary training program. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes! I pledge to raise minimum of \$500 for Big Shoulders Fund by October 31, 2019.
  - If I withdraw from the half marathon or the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team at any time and have not completed my agreed upon fundraising minimum of \$500.00, I authorize Big Shoulders Fund to charge my credit card indicated below the difference between \$500 and funds raised. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my gift to:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  Am Ex

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed Registration Form and the Waiver & Commitment Form to Sam Rodriguez:  
E-mail [srodriguez@bigshouldersfund.org](mailto:srodriguez@bigshouldersfund.org) Fax: 312-751-5235 Mail: 212 W. Van Buren, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60607



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## Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team Waiver & Commitment Form

### OPEN REGISTRATION

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As a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or other Half Marathon of my choice, I understand and agree to:

#### *Fundraising Requirements*

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As a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member I will raise a minimum of \$500 to support the students and schools served by Big Shoulders Fund—and will use my best efforts to achieve (or exceed!) at least that amount.

I also understand that the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team is an important fundraising initiative of Big Shoulders Fund, and if I run in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of my choice and my best fundraising efforts do not result in at least \$500 being raised for Big Shoulders Fund by October 31, 2019, Big Shoulders Fund is authorized to charge any 'shortfall' (the difference between \$500 and the funds raised) to my credit card.

#### *Injury Clause*

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If I am unable to run in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of my choice because of injury, I will provide Big Shoulders Fund with a doctor's note and accept responsibility for raising at least \$250 for Big Shoulders Fund.

If I have already raised funds exceeding \$250, all such proceeds (raised in the name of Big Shoulders Fund) shall remain with Big Shoulders Fund.

If I have raised less than \$250 by the time I declare I am unable to run in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of my choice, Big Shoulders Fund is authorized to charge any 'shortfall' (the difference between \$250 and the funds raised) to my credit card.

This \$250 will be used to help offset the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team expenses incurred by Big Shoulders Fund in conjunction with Big Shoulders Fund's participation in the 2019 Chicago half Marathon or another race of my choice.

#### *Publicity Clause*

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I grant a perpetual, royalty-free license to Big Shoulders Fund to use my name, image and/or likeness for the purpose of promoting the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team in any manner worldwide—either in print material, radio or television broadcast or online, in any manner whether presently in existence or hereinafter developed.

#### *Waiver and Release of Liability*

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I acknowledge that I have voluntarily agreed to participate as a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member in the 2019 Chicago Half Marathon or another race of my choice. I agree that I and/or my heirs, guardians, legal representatives, successors, distributees, and assignees will not make a claim against, sue, attach the property of, or prosecute Big Shoulders Fund or any of its affiliated organizations, staff, Board or agents for any losses, injury, death or property damage occurring to me as a result of my participation (either directly or indirectly) in any of the activities related to training and running with the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team whether caused by negligence of Big Shoulders Fund, or otherwise. I have carefully read this Waiver & Commitment Form and fully understand and accept its contents.

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*Signature*

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*Print Name*

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*E-mail Address*

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*Date*

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