Big Shoulders Fund®

2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Racing Team

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Registration Packet
Big Shoulders Fund is an independent charitable organization that serves inner-city 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
- 600 teachers in Big Shoulders fund talent development pipeline
- 43% of principals receiving leadership training and coaching

Proven results
- Elementary students beat national averages for growth on standardized assessments
- 84% of scholars choose to attend a Catholic or selective/quality public school
- 94% 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
- More than a decade of consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator– 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 200 members and Chairmen’s Advisory Council to 180 members

Big Shoulders Fund is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.
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Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team

Team Information

If you run with Big Shoulders, you will receive:

- An opportunity to help carry the dreams of 20,000 children attending one of 75 Big Shoulders Fund schools
- Guaranteed entry into the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon that cannot be deferred to 2021
- 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
- After 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 yourself for the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of your choice. This is separate from Racing Team paperwork.
- Pay for your entrance into the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of your choice.
- Raise a minimum $1,750 with the intention of surpassing.
Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team Registration Form

The net proceeds raised by the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team members running the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or another marathon of their choice will be used to support the Big Shoulders Fund mission. One hundred percent of funds currently raised go toward programs that benefit Big Shoulders Fund’s network of schools and the 20,000 students they serve through scholarships, academic and enrichment programs, instructional equipment, school facility improvements, faculty support, and operating grants.

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 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 $1,750 for Big Shoulders Fund by October 31, 2020.
  o If I withdraw from the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, marathon of my choice or the Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team at any time and have not completed my agreed upon fundraising minimum of $1,750.00, I authorize Big Shoulders Fund to charge my credit card indicated below the difference between $1,250 and funds raised. Initial Here: _______

Please charge my gift to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Am Ex

Credit Card Number ____________________________ CVC Code __________

Exp. Date __________________________ Billiing Zip Code: __________________

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Please return the completed Registration Form and the Waiver & Commitment Form to Kevin Pitts:
E-mail: kpitts@bigshouldersfund.org Fax: 312-751-5235 Mail: 212 W. Van Buren, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60607
OPEN REGISTRATION

As a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member in the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of my choice, I understand and agree to:

**Fundraising Requirements**

As a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member I will raise a minimum of $1,750 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 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of my choice and my best fundraising efforts do not result in at least $1,750 being raised for Big Shoulders Fund by October 31, 2020, Big Shoulders Fund is authorized to charge any ‘shortfall’ (the difference between $1,750 and the funds raised) to my credit card.

**Injury Clause**

If I am unable to run in the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of my choice because of injury, I will provide Big Shoulders Fund with a doctor’s note and accept responsibility for raising at least $875 for Big Shoulders Fund. 

If I have already raised funds exceeding $875, all such proceeds (raised in the name of Big Shoulders Fund) shall remain with Big Shoulders Fund.

If I have raised less than $875 by the time I declare I am unable to run in the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of my choice, Big Shoulders Fund is authorized to charge any ‘shortfall’ (the difference between $875 and the funds raised) to my credit card.

This $875 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 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon of my choice.

**Publicity Clause**

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**

I acknowledge that I have voluntarily agreed to participate as a Big Shoulders Fund Racing Team member in the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon or marathon 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.

____________________________________   _____________________________
Signature                                    Print Name

_____________________________________________
E-mail Address

_____________________________________________
Date

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