



Winged Foot Foundation
2014 Newsletter

Greetings from the Winged Foot Foundation,

12/2/14

Many of you are well aware of the good works being done for Chicagoland student athletes by our volunteers and partners. For those that are just learning of our mission, the message is simple, we are a 501 c 3 charity organization that assists student athletes in need of athletic equipment, we also promote higher education & athletic events. We believe that the lessons learned in the classroom and in athletic competition are beneficial to the development of young people.

This is our second annual newsletter, it will serve as an update regarding our progress in the running community and recognize those that have contributed to our growth. These are the highlights:

- Over the past 12 months, 7 more teams have been added to our network bringing our total to 71 teams.
- Special thanks to: Saucony, Road Runner Sports, Naperville Running Company, Geneva Running Outfitters Run Today, Runners Edge and DNA Athletics for their generous donations
- To store our new inventory, we are now renting space at the Extra Space Storage facility in Naperville.

WFF Community Events

- The WFF's 5th Annual Illinois Sprint Spectacular Track Meet was a success, 6 new meet records set and increasing our year over year participation to 150 registered runners.
- Congrats to TF North Boys and Girls cross country teams for their victories at the Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving. Brooks Jr. High Team repeats as the Jr. High Co-Ed Champs. The victors take home the WFF Traveling Trophies after they are engraved next week.

2014 WFF Athlete of the Year

Ebony McClendon of Chicago's Brooks College Prep Academy is the WFF 2014 Athlete of the Year for her performances all season and especially at the Sectional and State Meets.

At State, Ebony placed in 4 events, pacing her Brooks team to an overall 5th place finish. Ebony was All-State in all 4 events: 2nd in the 100 (11.80), 2nd in the 200 (24.39), 3rd in the 4x200 (1:42.23) and 5th in the 4x100 (48.76).

Ebony also represented the University of Chicago Track Club in the off season. Her most notable club races being her: Indoor 60 Meter dash in 7.45, ranked 6th nationally and her 11.73 & 24.26 double at the Outdoor AAU National Jr. Olympics.

Ebony is not only an excellent athlete she is also an exceptional student. As a result of all her hard work in the classroom and on the track, Ebony accepted a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Ebony McClendon

Support the Winged Foot Foundation

Donate Goods

- Donate new or slightly used running shoes, spikes, apparel. Drop off shoes at the following stores:
 - Runners Edge, Run Today, DNA Athletics, and Road Runner Sports.
- Shoe donations can also be mailed or delivered to:
 - Mitch Johnston C/O Winged Foot Foundation, 913 Manchester St. Naperville, IL. 60563 / Cell 312-513-6965



Donation Allocation

- Donations to the WFF are applied to our key operation costs: Athletic Equipment, Event Hosting, Website Maintenance, Insurance, Storage Space Rental, Tax Return Prep., T-Shirts & Awards

Donate Money

(Electronically or by Mail)

- Several contributors have made tax deductible donations through the JP Morgan Chase Bank affiliate - Authorize.net, the link is found on the Donations Tab of our Website: www.wingedfootfoundation.org
- A tax deductible receipt will then be sent to substantiate the amount of the donation.
- With a minimum \$50 donation you are entitled to a Winged Foot Foundation t-shirt or singlet.



- Many thanks to these contributors: Marc Bertman, Kris Hartner, Jim Knoedel, Tom & Carrie Lithgow, Steve & Julie Rocque, Jay Wesley, Mike Sullivan, Caroline Goss, Mike Kirk, Bill Moran, Steve Toth, Steve Ibarra, Jay Wesley, Jim & Laura Keithley, Steve Schellenberger, Ed Adams, Mike Keane, Jim Mullen, Jim Werren, Julie Faulkner, David Braden, Mike Marshall, Oscar Herrera, Mike Garcia, Derrick Augustaniwisch, Road Runner Sports, Thornridge HS, Lanphier HS, Hillcrest HS.

Winged Foot Foundation Donates Running Shoes, Clothing to Mooseheart's Girl's Cross Country Team

MOOSEHEART, Sept. 9 Press Release – <http://www.mooseheart.org/2014/news/CrossCountryDonation.asp>

In its first season, Mooseheart's girls cross country team is already undergoing a transformation, which received a massive boost on Saturday (Sept. 6) when it received a donation of shoes and clothing from the Winged Foot Foundation. "I can tell from the look on my girls' faces that they're happy to receive this equipment," Mooseheart girls cross country coach Ann Price said. "They're going to come more determined to our next practice and then to our next meet as well."

Mooseheart received training shoes, competitive "spikes" and clothing from Naperville-based Winged Foot Foundation founder Mitch Johnston. Since 2004, the foundation has supplied shoes and equipment to 71 track or cross country teams in Illinois and Indiana.

"Shoes and equipment can be so expensive," Johnston said. "It's great for us to be able to help out."

Johnston said some of the items his foundation receives come from retailers near Mooseheart, such as Geneva Outfitters, Naperville Running Company, The Runner's Soul in Elmhurst as well as directly from shoe manufacturers.

"They trust the Winged Foot Foundation to distribute the goods where they are really needed," Johnston said.

Mooseheart's girls cross country team is in its inaugural season and competed on Saturday in its first meet, the Harvest Christian Fall Classic. The Ramblers wore "flats," running shoes without spikes in that meet. They will wear their new spikes when they next compete in the Northeastern Athletic Conference Relays on Sept. 16 at Westminster Christian.

"I think this will boost the girls' confidence," Price said. "I know that they're very grateful and they can't wait to try these shoes out. It's great to have this kind of support for our team from the get-go, in our first year."

As a high school runner with Thornton, located in south suburban Harvey, Johnston ran on Mooseheart's track in the early 70s. "In 1973, when I was a track freshman at Thornton, my coach Steve Toth brought me to an AAU, Junior Olympics qualifying meet on this track at Mooseheart," Johnston said. "It wasn't my first meet, but it was my first postseason event that was above and beyond the IHSA competition. It was so exciting to me, and I never forgot. It makes this a special place to me."



Cross country shoe donation: Mooseheart's girls cross country team received a donation of shoes and clothing on Sept. 6 from the Winged Foot Foundation. From left are: Mooseheart coach Ann Price, Etna Tejada, Abby Driscoll, Kammie Kolb, Madison Hart, Winged Foot Foundation founder Mitch Johnston, Shelby Ball, Kassadi Crowe, Sarat Yusuf and Audrey Show.

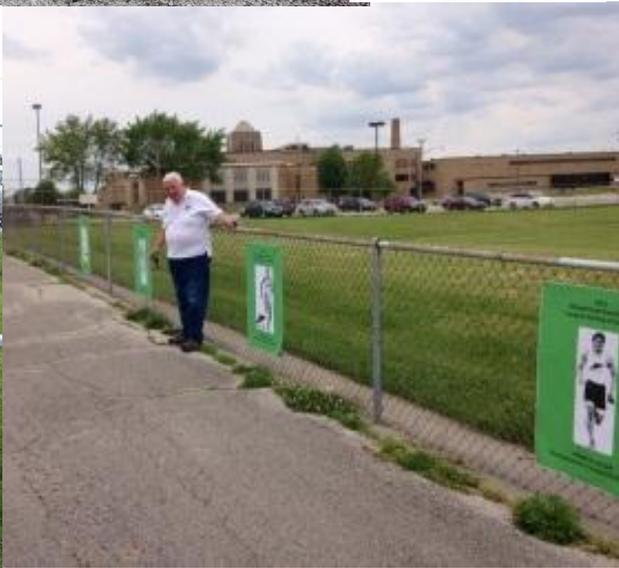
For more information on the Winged Foot Foundation, go to: www.wingedfootfoundation.org.

Founded in 1913, Mooseheart is supported completely through private donations - the great majority of which come from the 1.1 million men and women of the Moose fraternal organization, in more than 1,700 Lodges and 1,600 Chapters located throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Bermuda. Moose International headquarters is located on the Mooseheart campus. Since its founding, Mooseheart has operated a complete, accredited kindergarten-through-high-school academic program, plus art, music, vocational training and interscholastic sports. It is an extremely nurturing and student-tailored program, with an average student-teacher ratio of 12-1.

Mooseheart is currently home to roughly 230 students, ranging in age from preschoolers to high school seniors. Applications for admission to Mooseheart are considered from any family whose children are, for whatever reason, lacking a stable home environment. Mooseheart boasts its own U.S. Post Office and a fully functioning branch of Fifth Third Bank.

Thanks to our Volunteers and Partners for Supporting the 5th Annual Illinois Sprint Spectacular Track Meet

June 7, 2014 - Bloom HS- Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and the sunny warm weather, we were able to provide our best meet to date. We registered 150 athletes and we saw them all compete to earn ribbons & medallions. The results can be found on the home page of our website, www.wingedfootfoundation.org



The Winged Foot Foundation Traveling Trophies Encourage Team Competition at the Annual Turkey Trot

TF North Cross Country Team Sweeps the High School Team Competition at the 2014 Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning in Thornton, IL.. Brooks repeats as Jr. High Champs



The Winged Foot Foundation Racing Team on the Road, Trail or Track

Members of the WFF Racing Team competed in several events, including: The Chicago Marathon, New York Marathon, Oak Brook Half Marathon, Shamrock Shuffle, Frank Lloyd Wright Run, Bad Ass Dash, Thornton Turkey Trot, Illinois Sprint Spectacular, Naperville Marathon, Schaumburg Shuffle, St. Paddys Day 5K

