

Students Run PHILLY STYLE

2021 IMPACT REPORT



MISSION

Students Run Philly Style transforms students' lives through running and mentorship. We pair students with adult volunteer Mentors to train together to run a long-distance race.

OUR PROGRAMS

SCHOOL YEAR MODEL

Students & Mentors train up to 6 hours weekly September - June to run the Blue Cross Broad Street Run in May.

MARATHON MODEL

Students & Mentors train up to 10 hours weekly March - November to run the Philadelphia Half or Full Marathon in November.

MILEUP

In partnership with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, MileUp uses our mentoring model to offer an evidence-based diversion option for youth facing delinquency charges.

OUTPACE

OUTPace improves health outcomes and increases protective factors for LGBTQ+ youth by offering inclusive, informed support and specific LGBTQ+ programming.

OUR IMPACT



10,000+

Students mentored
since 2004



732

Medals earned
in 2021



2,741

Finish lines crossed
at in-person and
virtual races



877

Pairs of Diadora
sneakers earned
in 2021



46,514

Miles run by students &
Mentors in 2021

843

**STUDENTS
SERVED**

23

**STAFF
MEMBERS**

278

**VOLUNTEER
MENTORS**

BUILDING COMMUNITY

During a pandemic, relationships are more important than ever. To build community, SRPS offered a spring race series and an adapted version of our usual summer programming to keep students & mentors connected.



Student Spotlight: Aaron



“What I love about my community is coming together as a whole. Being able to participate with more people, also being able to see more people; being able to cheer them on, and helping them out.”

SUMMER COMMUNITY SUMMITS

Instead of our annual overnight Go Farther! Leadership Summit in 2021, students and mentors participated in small-group Community Summits, held weekly over the summer. Teams worked together to explore their surroundings and discuss how they can become change agents in their communities.

MARATHON MOMENT



Mom Audrey crosses the finish line with daughter Imani. Not pictured is Nia waiting just ahead.

In 2019, twin sisters Imani and Nia and their mother Audrey set their sights on running 26.2 miles, together. The trio completed the Blue Cross Broad Street Run that year, building endurance and experience.

When the 2020 race was canceled, they participated patiently in SRPS' virtual races, and spent 2021 focused on their goal to run the marathon before the girls graduated high school. This November, they finally had the chance to realize their marathon moment at the Philadelphia Marathon, taking off in the final stretch of the race and earning their medals side by side.



OUTPACE

OUTPace is a program created by SRPS to provide inclusive, informed mentoring services to youth in the LGBTQ+ community. OUTPace increases awareness and trains Mentors on health disparities facing LGBTQ+ students.



19%

of SRPS youth self-identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

2

Student Ambassadors

contribute to the creation of safe and welcoming places that will have a positive impact in increasing respect, acceptance and understanding of other LGBTQ+ students and their experiences.

18

Events

from virtual drop-in sessions, to in-person activities and team visits.

MILEUP

In partnership with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, MileUp brings running and mentorship to youth facing delinquency charges who were formally ineligible for restorative interventions. MileUp is transformative.



92%

of MileUp youth
completed the
program

94%

of students had
records expunged
in 2021

\$30,375

is the total restitution earned
by students after completing
their milestone race and
maintaining attendance

Peer Mentors

SRPS partnered with Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to offer paid Peer Mentor positions to youth graduating MileUp, and to youth formally involved with the juvenile justice system. 5 former MileUp students have become part-time employees of SRPS, working as Peer Mentors.



THE PHILADELPHIA DISTANCE RUN



In 1978, the leaders of the Philadelphia running community had a vision to build one of the greatest races in the country. Under their leadership, the race grew to be the fastest half marathon in the country- a race where elite runners from all of the world came to Philadelphia and competed.

In 2021, SRPS partnered with Philadelphia Runner and Runhouse to re-launch the race under its original name, the Philadelphia Distance Run. Together we have begun to write the next chapter in the event's illustrious history.

As a partner in the race, profits from the event directly support SRPS youth. Even more importantly, this race allows SRPS the opportunity to create meaningful impact in the greater running community. By looking at every aspect of the race through the lens of diversity and inclusion, this race is already leading the charge at building a distance running community where our students can see themselves 10, 20, or 30 years from now.

The Philadelphia Distance Run affords our students an opportunity to walk off the bus to the start line of a race that was built with them in mind.

[PDR website](#)

We hope you'll join us on 9.18.22.



DIADORA & SRPS WATER STOP SNEAKER



SRPS created a custom sneaker with our shoe sponsor Diadora. Famous sneaker shop Ps & Qs hosted a release party. The sneaker is available on our website and at Philadelphia Runner Center City. 100% of sales benefit our program.

The Water Stop sneaker pays homage to the centrality of water in Philly, while celebrating the power of youth mentorship. The insoles are an original watercolor map of the Schuylkill River Trail designed by SRPS youth artist Celeste Ortiz-Lugo. Custom touches also include a woven SRPS tongue tag and water ice heel.



only
200
pairs made



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

SRPS is committed to creating a lifelong community of alumni through increased opportunities for meaningful engagement with the program in the form of volunteering, socializing and racing.

In 2021 SRPS offered program alumni:

- Volunteer opportunities at
 - Pass the Baton 12k
 - All-City 20/10-Miler
 - Philadelphia Full Marathon
- A chance to socialize at the Alumni Summer BBQ
- Free race registration for
 - Philadelphia Distance Run
 - Pass the Baton 12k
 - Broad Street Run



BY THE NUMBERS

200+

former program participants
reconnected with
SRPS between
2020- 2021.

98%

of program participants
graduated from
high school in
2021.

176+

volunteer hours
served by
formers
students in
2021.





JOIN US AT THE FINISH LINE

