



## I. GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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### Organization Information:

#### Field/s of Interest:

	Arts, Culture, Heritage		Education, Library		Environment, Animals
X	Health	X	Human Services	X	Social Justice, Civic Engagement
	Religion		If other, please describe:		

**Mission:** Run2Shine a 501(c) (3) Non profit dedicated to fastening community health, civic engagement and charitable giving by producing charity events that benefit individuals and communities.

**Geographic Area Served** (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):

Primary area served-Kennett Square and Southern Chester County

**Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served.** (Include Chester County # &/or % served.)

800-1,000 Participants, 150+ Volunteers and 4 local non-profits.

Annual Budget \$	<u>107,000</u>	<u>0</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>90</u>	% of budget for program expenses	<u>3</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>10</u>	% of budget for administrative expenses	<u>167</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>0</u>	% of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>835</u>	# of Volunteer Hours

100% = total

**Run2Shine prioritizes direct community impact by allocating the vast majority of its annual budget to program delivery, maintaining lean administrative operations, and integrating fundraising activities into program execution rather than incurring fundraising costs.**

#### Top 3-5 funding sources:

- Runner Registration
- Sponsor Donations

**This grant proposal is for:**  Direct Service Programs & General Operating &/or  Capacity Building

#### If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

	Contingency Planning	X	Partnerships, Collaborations		Merger, Closure
	Mission, Vision, Strategy		Board Engagement & Leadership		Marketing, Communication
	Resource Development	X	Operations		Technology
	If other, please describe:				

**Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:** \$ 5,000

**Proposal Summary:** (a few sentences, please) Run2Shine respectfully requests \$5,000 from the Chester County Community Foundation to support the Mushroom Cap Half Marathon and the FUNGI 5-Miler, a community drive wellness and charitable giving event in Kennett Square engaging more than 1,000 participants and volunteers annually. This funding will help sustain core program delivery, keep participation accessible, and maximize support for Chester County community wellness experiences.

Sarah Nurry

Run2Shine

Chester County Community Foundation

Grant Application Narrative

## **Run2Shine: Organizational Overview, Impact, and Capacity Building Needs**

### **Part I: Organizational History, Achievements, and Distinctiveness**

Founded over a decade ago, Run2Shine is a Chester County–based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing community wellness through inclusive running events that combine physical activity, volunteerism, and charitable giving. In 2025, Run2Shine proudly celebrated its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of sustained growth, deep community engagement, and measurable local impact.

Since its inception, Run2Shine has donated more than \$80,000 to charitable causes addressing hunger insecurity, period poverty, cancer research, public safety, and youth education. These contributions include funding to support local food access initiatives, provide menstrual health resources, advance cancer research, upgrade AED equipment for the local police department, and support local schools and booster organizations through educational enrichment, student programming, and community engagement initiatives. In addition, Run2Shine events help students fulfill required volunteer service hours while promoting leadership development, civic responsibility, and lifelong health habits.

In the past year alone, Run2Shine experienced meaningful growth, welcoming 166 additional runners and engaging more than 1,000 participants and volunteers across its events. Thousands

of runners of all ages have set and achieved personal health and wellness goals through Run2Shine programming, reinforcing the organization's mission to make wellness accessible, motivating, and community-centered.

What distinguishes Run2Shine from other running events is its holistic approach. Run2Shine delivers a complete community wellness experience by intentionally integrating local volunteers, nonprofits, small businesses, musicians, and civic partners, transforming race day into a shared celebration of health, service, and local pride.

## **Part II: Funding Information, Key Initiatives, and Demonstrated Need**

Run2Shine's core initiatives focus on producing high-quality, accessible community wellness events that generate charitable support while fostering volunteerism and community connection. These initiatives require careful coordination of logistics, volunteers, partnerships, and fiscal stewardship to ensure both quality and sustainability.

The organization currently faces increasing operational costs related to permits, equipment, supplies, insurance, and vendor services. At the same time, Run2Shine remains committed to keeping runner registration fees attainable to ensure inclusivity and broad community participation. Addressing this balance between rising costs and accessibility is critical to sustaining impact and growth.

This request seeks support for both general operating needs and targeted capacity building, recognizing that strong internal infrastructure is essential to sustaining high-quality, community-centered programming.

### **Part III: Capacity Building Initiative**

Run2Shine seeks capacity building support to strengthen organizational systems, planning processes, and volunteer coordination infrastructure. Over the next 6–12 months, the organization will refine operational workflows, enhance volunteer management systems, improve financial tracking, and formalize annual planning timelines.

This capacity building initiative will improve efficiency, reduce administrative strain, and support long-term sustainability while preserving Run2Shine’s lean operating structure. Success will be measured through improved operational timelines, volunteer retention, consistent budget performance, and the organization’s ability to maintain or increase charitable distributions despite rising costs.

Run2Shine is a volunteer-driven organization with deep community roots, and every dollar invested is amplified through earned revenue, sponsorships, and hundreds of volunteer hours.