





2016 Frederick Women's Distance Festival Sponsor Recap

Race Summary



The 27th annual Frederick Women's Distance Festival was hosted by the Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club on August 13th, 2016 at Frederick Community College.

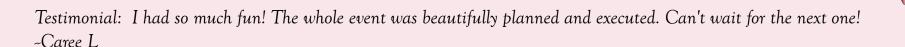
The race provides a USATF-certified 5k course and attractive awards for the competitive runners, as well as a welcoming atmosphere for beginners, fitness runners and walkers.

The race was a tremendous success again this year, with 534 registered participants! We received many positive accolades on the race experience (except for the heat this year!), and we met our dual goals of putting on a high quality race while raising significant funds for charity.

The Frederick Steeplechasers donated \$14,795 (net proceeds) to Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County. This organization provides grants to local nonprofit organizations supporting programs and services promoting self-sufficiency for women and their children.







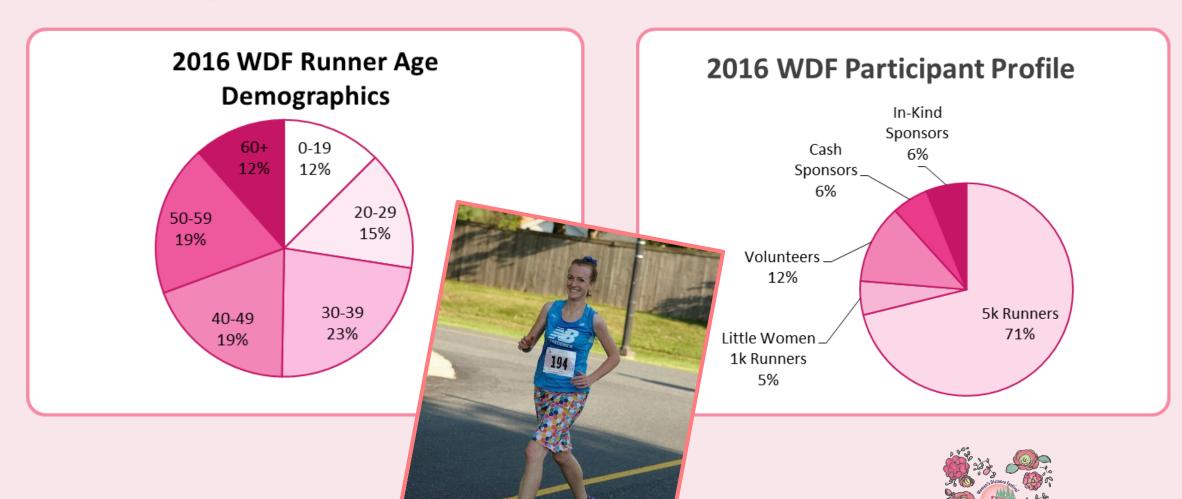
By the Numbers

- ❖ 535 registered runners
- ❖ 38 team entries
- **♦** 84 volunteers
- 39 cash sponsors/vendors
- ❖ 43 in-kind sponsors
 - Food and Water
 - Swag bags and contents
 - * Random Prizes
- ❖ 5 municipalities/entities required for new 5k course approval
- ❖ 58 handmade awards
- ❖ 10 months of planning!

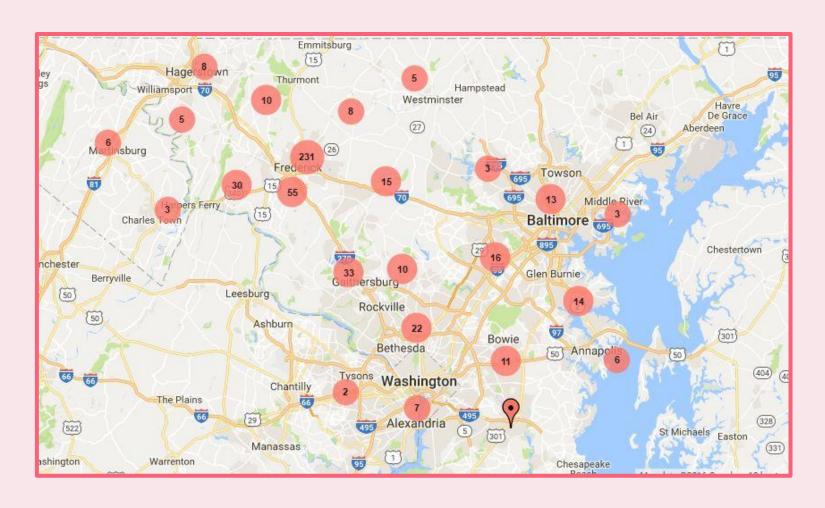




Participant/Runner Profiles

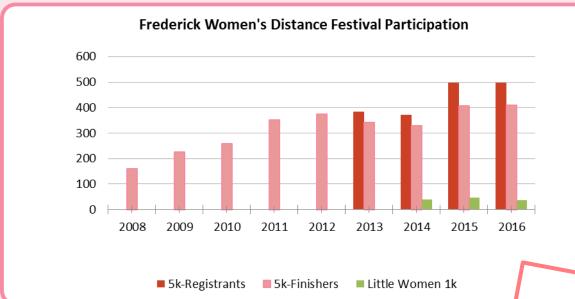


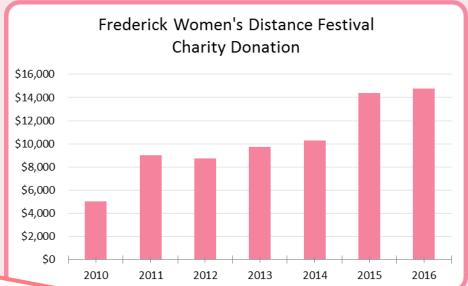
Runner Regional Demographics





Year-On-Year Trends









Sponsorship Benefits

	Premiere	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	General
	\$3000+	\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50
Number of sponsorships available	1	3	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Dedicated Sign/Banner with name/logo	3' x 6' Banner	2' x 6' Banner	2' x 5' Banner	Small or shared sign	Mile Marker Sign	
Logo/Name on race flyer and poster	*					
Logo/Name on race website home page	*					
Inclusion on mass (10,000) marketing email	*	*	*			
Logo on race shirt	*	*	*	*		
Booth at FCC Field House	*	*	*	*		
Complimentary Race Entries	5	4	3	2	1	
Recognition via race day announcements	*	*	*	*	*	
Thank you on Facebook page	*	*	*	*	*	
Logo on race website sponsor page	*	*	*	*	*	*
Promotional material on shared expotable	*	*	*	*	*	*
Community goodwill	*	*	*	*	*	*



Sponsor Website Recognition

www.frederickwdf.com/sponsors





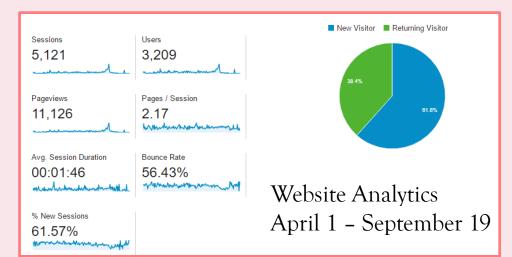
All sponsor logos incorporate active links to sponsor website or Facebook page



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Sponsor Recognition, Social Media www.facebook.com/FrederickWDF









Sponsors are thanked on the Frederick Women's Distance Festival Facebook Page which has a wide reach.



Sponsor Recognition, Marketing Emails

- Marketing emails went out to 10,000+ local runners, promoting the race and recognizing our top sponsors.
 - April 1
 - May 1
 - May 28
 - June 23
 - July 13
 - August 5

See example at:

http://eepurl.com/b9q_c5

14.7% Open Rate*

* Against health/fitness industry standard of 11.2% (adjusted for all-female audience of our race)







On-site Sponsor Recognition/Presence











Race Shirt & Swag Bags 600 Shirts Printed, 500 Bags Stuffed







Race Wrap-Up

Race Photos posted to Facebook album (<u>facebook.com/FrederickWDF/photos</u>), including many sponsor photos





Race Marketing

- 800 postcards (distributed to running stores, gyms, etc)
- ½ page ad in Sass Magazine
- Inclusion on 15 online race/event calendars
- Article in Ijamsville Living Magazine
- Poster/Flyers/Registration forms at Frederick Running Festival expo
- Six marketing email blasts to 10,000+ local runners
- Booth/Flash Sale at Women's Better Living Expo (Frederick Fairgrounds) on June 11th
- Frequent content updates on Frederick WDF Facebook page
- Three (paid) Facebook ads on the Frederick WDF Facebook page
- Frequent mention on Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club media outlets
 - Facebook group (1700+ members)
 - Club news emails to 800+ paid club members
 - Logo/link on home page of steeplechasers.org
- Marketed along with other Maryland Women Distance Festival races by Maryland RRCA (Road Runner Clubs of America)
- Announcement in the Frederick News Post prior to the race
- Photo of race winner in the Frederick News Post following the race



2016 postcard design



Competitive Differentiators

We're not "just another 5k"

- All-female race
- 9-week training program (100+ registrants)
- Walker/Beginner friendly, but still competitive for faster runners
- Handcrafted awards
- "Little Women" 1k Fun Run with shirts/medals
- Race Course
 - USATF-certified and professionally marked
 - Clover Hill and FCC campus (different from "standard" Frederick city 5k courses)
- Professional chip timing
- Race Day Expo
- Photo Booth
- Air-conditioned venue with restroom access at FCC
- 100% of net proceeds donated to charity (Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County)
- 27 year history, organized by Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club
- Directed by RRCA-certified race director



Looking back, Looking forward

Feedback

If you have any feedback on our 2016 event or suggestions on how to improve the sponsor relationship/experience, please contact us. We value your input!

Planning for 2017

We look forward to discussing 2017 sponsorship opportunities with you. Save the date!

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