

2018
Frederick
Women's Distance Festival
Sponsor Recap



Race Summary



The 29th annual Frederick Women's Distance Festival was hosted by the Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club on August 4th, 2018 at Frederick Community College.

Rated 1-10 by race participants

Average
9.5

Geometric (1.85%) 7 (1.85%) 8 (9.26%) 9 (20.37%)
10 (66.67%)

This is one of my favorite races because it very much empowers women to be active, to put their best foot forward, and to compete at their own pace. Everyone is always so cheerful and positive, uplifting other participants!"

The race was a tremendous success again this year, with 569 registered participants! We received many positive accolades on the race experience and we met our dual goals of putting on a high quality race while raising significant funds for charity.

The Frederick Steeplechasers donated net proceeds of \$24,471 to the 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.

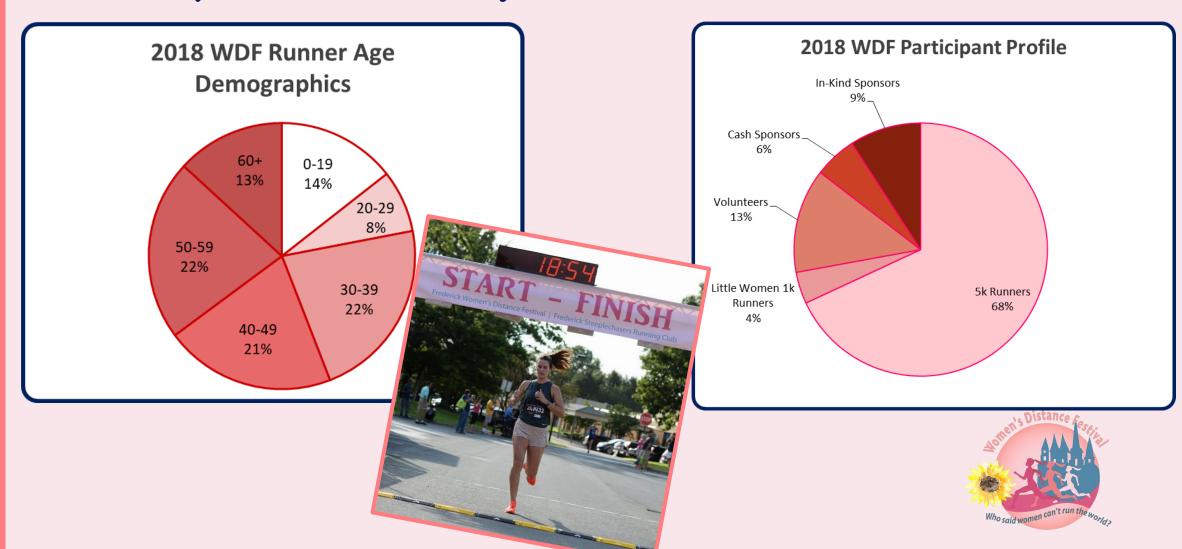


By the Numbers

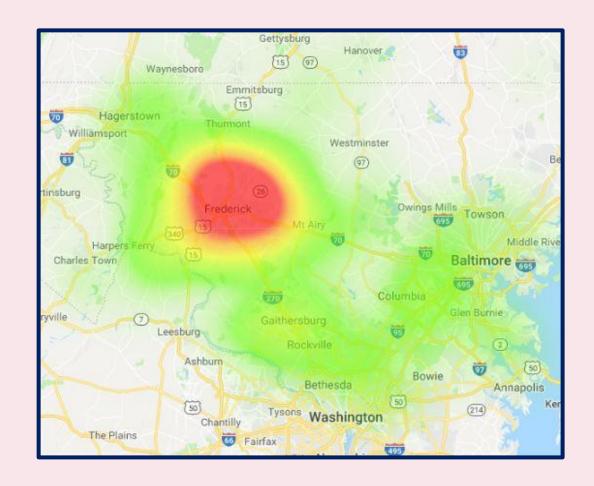
- 569 registered runners
- * 105 volunteers
- **4** 43 cash sponsors
- ❖ 72 in-kind sponsors
 - Food and Water
 - Swag bags and contents
 - Random Prizes
 - Promotion
 - Services
- 33 race-day expo exhibitors
- ❖ 58 hand-crafted awards
- Rated 9.5 (out of 10) by our 2018 participants
- ❖ 10 months of planning!



Participant/Runner Profiles

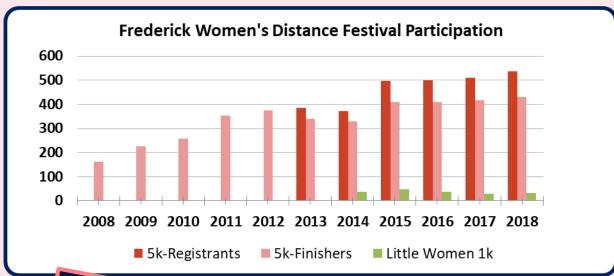


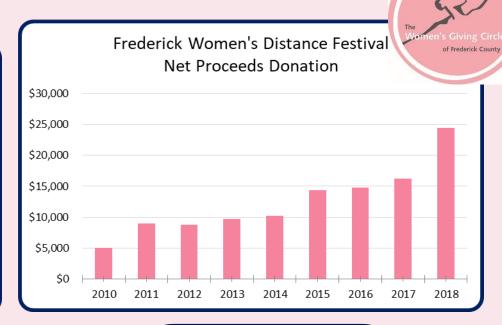
Runner Regional Demographics



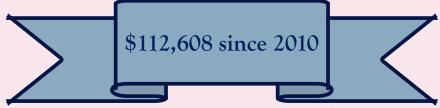


Year-On-Year Trends











2018 Sponsorship Benefits

	PREMIER SPONSOR \$3000	PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000	GOLD SPONSOR \$500	SILVER SPONSOR \$250	BRONZE SPONSOR \$100
Number of Sponsorships available	Dr. Elizabeth Liotta	3 (filled for 2018)	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Race Day Banner (supplied by us)	Dedicated 3' x 6'	Dedicated 2' x 6'	Dedicated 2' x 5'		Shared Banner
Name/Logo on home page of race website, promotional posters, postcards	•				
Logo on Race Bibs (commit by June 1)	•	•			
Race Bags: sponsor-supplied promotional material placed in race bags	•	•	•		
Email Promotion: Inclusion on mass marketing emails (over 12,000 recipients)	•	•	•		
Logo/Link on race registration page	•	•	•		
Expo Space (10' x 10') with table	•	•		•	
Logo on race shirt (commit by June 20th)	•	•	V	•	
Complimentary Race Entries (register online by August 1st)	5	4	3		1
Thank You post on Facebook page	Dedicated post	Dedicated post	Dedicated post	Shared post	Shared post
Logo on race website sponsor page	•	•	V	•	•
Promotional material on shared expo table	•	•	•	•	•



Sponsor Website Recognition www.frederickwdf.com/sponsors







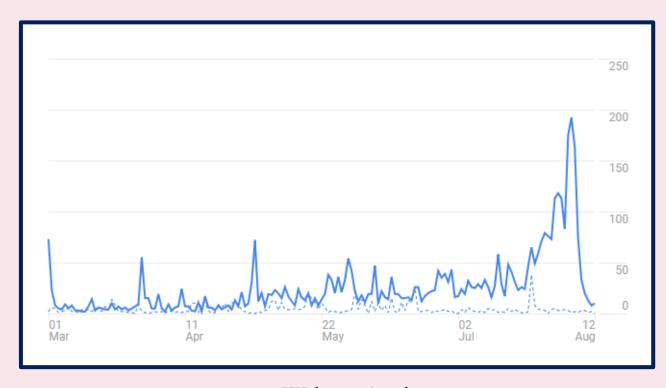


All sponsor logos incorporate active links to sponsor website or Facebook page

Sponsor Website Recognition, con't

www.frederickwdf.com/sponsors





Website Analytics



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









Sponsors are thanked on the Frederick Women's Distance Festival Facebook Page with 728 followers



Sponsor Recognition, Marketing Emails

- Marketing emails went out to 12,000+ local runners, promoting the race and recognizing our top sponsors.
 - March 1
 - March 30
 - May 9
 - May 30
 - June 29
 - July 17
 - July 27

See example at:

https://tinyurl.com/y9o222s8

15.8% Open Rate*

* Against health/fitness industry standard of 10.0% (adjusted for all-female audience of our race)





On-site Sponsor Recognition/Presence

Banners/Signs











We recognize all of our sponsors with race-day signage



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







Race Wrap-Up

Check out our website for links to results and race photos, including a 2018 sponsor photo album at:

www.frederickwdf.com/sponsors



Race Marketing

- 1,000 postcards (distributed to running stores, gyms, etc)
- 600 business cards distributed to participants of Girls on the Run 5k
- Posters hung in local businesses
- Ads in Sass Magazine, FindIT Frederick and Ijamsville Living
- Inclusion on 15 online race/event calendars
- Booth/Flash Sale at Frederick Running Festival expo
- Seven marketing email blasts to 12,000+ local runners
- Frequent content updates on Frederick WDF Facebook page
- Paid Facebook ads on the Frederick WDF Facebook page
- Frequent mention on Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club media outlets
 - Facebook group (2500+ members)
 - FSRC member news emails to 900+ 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)
- Featured in the "this week" section of the Frederick News Post prior to the race



2018 postcard design



Competitive Differentiators

We're not "just another 5k"

- All-female race supportive and empowering
- Free 9-week training program (100+ registrants)
- Walker/Beginner friendly, but still competitive for faster runners
- Handcrafted awards
- USATF-certified Race Course on FCC campus and Clover Hill
- Professional chip timing
- Race Day Expo, including sponsors, vendors and nonprofits supporting women
- Photo Booth
- Air-conditioned venue with restroom access at FCC
- Net proceeds donated to charity (Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County)
- 29 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 2018 event or suggestions on how to improve the sponsor relationship/experience, please contact us. We value your input!

Planning for 2019

We look forward to discussing 2019 sponsorship opportunities with you. Save the date!

August 3, 2019







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