



**UNITED WAY**  
Southwest  
Louisiana



The Inaugural

# Dolly Run

5K/1K RUN/WALK FOR READING  
**April 26, 2025**

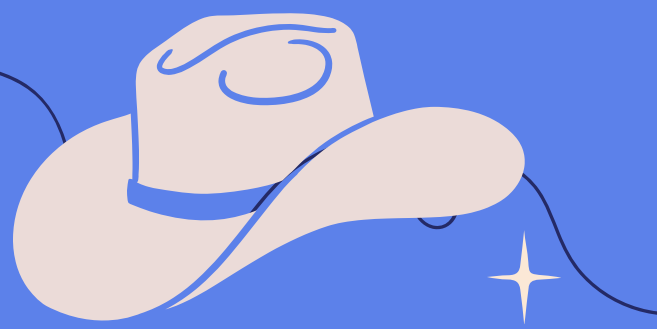


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# DENISE DUREL

President & CEO

United Way Southwest Louisiana

As the President and CEO of United Way Southwest Louisiana, I invite you to consider sponsoring the inaugural **DOLLY RUN**. This event is not just another 5K/1K Walk/Run; it represents a vital Initiative to promote literacy among our youngest community members.

Every month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides free books to 3,480 children in our region, nurturing their love for reading and laying the groundwork for lifelong learning. Unfortunately, 60% of our kindergarteners begin school behind, and more than half of those never catch up. There are still children eagerly awaiting the chance to discover the world through books and this list grows daily.

By becoming a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to make a profound impact on these children's lives. Your support will help us reopen our registration process and ensure every child can access the joys of reading. Together, we can empower our youth, strengthen our community and celebrate Dolly Parton's legacy.

We would be honored to have you as a partner in this vital Initiative. Your involvement can genuinely make a difference.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to create lasting change.

With appreciation,



*Denise*

# 5K/1K RUN/WALK FOR READING April 26, 2025



Run for Reading

## RUN 2025

5K/1K WALK/RUN

COSTUME AWARDS

MINI COUNTRY FAIR

BOOK DONATION STATION

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Join us for the inaugural Dolly Run, a fun-filled family-friendly 5K/1K Walk/Run event through downtown Lake Charles benefiting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through United Way Southwest Louisiana! This lively family event encourages participants of all ages and fitness levels to celebrate literacy while enjoying live music and vibrant community spirit. Your participation will help provide free books to local children each month, fostering a love for reading and improving literacy in our community. Dress in your best Dolly-inspired outfits and get ready for a morning of fitness, fun and support!



**text DOLLYRUN to 41444**

<b>RUN/WALK EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>EVENT DAY REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>VIRTUAL RUN/WALK REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>YOUTH RUN/WALK REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$30</b>

All early bird registrations come with Dolly Run 2025 tshirt



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# EVENT DAY ACTIVITIES

April 26, 2025

**RUN  
2025**

## **5K/1K WALK/RUN**

Open to all ages and fitness levels, featuring music stations along the route.

## **COSTUME AWARDS**

Attendees are encouraged to dress as Dolly Parton for the run or as one of her movie characters.

## **MINI COUNTRY FAIR**

After the run, a fair with food, games and activities themed around Dolly Parton and reading.

## **BOOK DONATION STATION**

Participants are encouraged to donate new/unused children's books, which will be given to area teachers to help build their classroom libraries.

## **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Give local high school bands and chorus groups a chance to perform Dolly Parton covers and other country hits for attendees.



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# WHY SPONSOR THE DOLLY RUN?

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Your support benefits 3,480 children monthly, promoting literacy and a love for reading. You will also assist us with the growing waitlist of children.

## **VISIBILITY**

Through multiple promotional channels, Showcase your brand to a diverse audience of families, runners, and community members.

## **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Connect with other local businesses and community advocates who share your passion for improving literacy / and Youth Opportunity.

As a sponsor, your brand will gain exposure through:

# BENEFITS



## News

Press releases distributed to media outlets



## Digital

Social media, email and campaigns will boost your brand

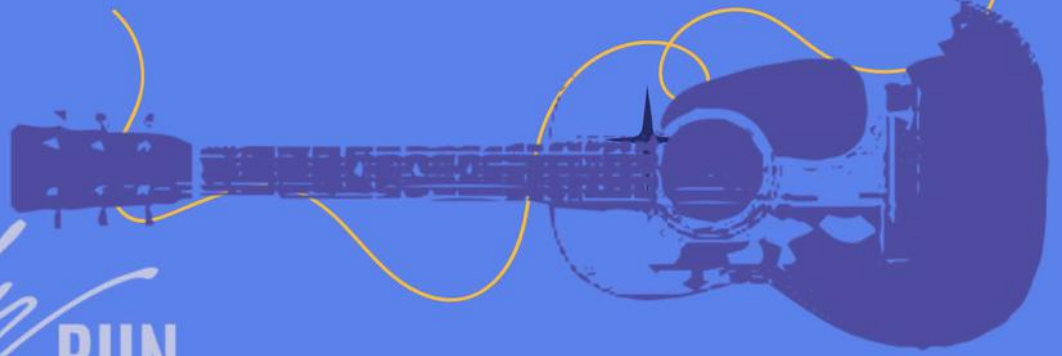
## Print

Flyers and posters will be displayed at local businesses and community centers



## Ads

Billboards and print ads will display your brand



# SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

## DOLLY'S DREAM TEAM

\$10,000

- Prominent logo placement on event banners, t-shirts, and promotional materials
- Opportunity to speak at the event
- Featured in all press releases and social media campaigns
- VIP booth space at the mini country fair
- 10 complimentary race registrations
- Recognition on all event emails
- Opportunity to provide promotional materials in runner goodie bags
- Opportunity to set up a booth at event
- VIP Breakfast Invitation
- Logo on Running Bib
- Logo on event tshirt

## GOLD RECORDS SPONSOR

\$5,000

- Logo placement on select event materials
- Recognition during the event's opening and closing ceremonies
- 5 complimentary race registrations
- Recognition on all event emails
- Opportunity to provide promotional materials in runner goodie bags
- Opportunity to set up a booth at event
- VIP Breakfast Invitation
- Logo on Running Bib
- Logo on event tshirt

## SILVER STAR SPONSOR

\$2,500

- Logo inclusion on event website and promotional flyers
- Recognition during the mini country fair
- 3 complimentary race registrations
- Opportunity to set up a booth at the event
- Logo on event t-shirt





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# SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

## BRONZE BOOT SPONSOR

\$1,000

- Logo listed on the event website
- 2 complimentary race registrations
- Recognition in the event program
- Logo on event tshirt

## COMMUNITY CHEERLEADER

\$500

- Logo on the event website
- Complimentary race registration
- Acknowledgment on social media during the event promotion
- Name on event tshirt

## KIND-HEARTED CONTRIBUTOR

- Offer goods or services instead of cash sponsorship (e.g., food, beverages, entertainment)
- Recognition based on the value of the contribution, with benefits tailored accordingly (e.g., logo placement, booth space, etc.)







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Thank you for considering sponsorship for the Dolly Run. Together, we can inspire a new generation of readers and contribute to a brighter future for our community!



# REGISTRATION FOR THE 5K/1K

**RUN/WALK EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION**

**\$40**

**EVENT DAY REGISTRATION**

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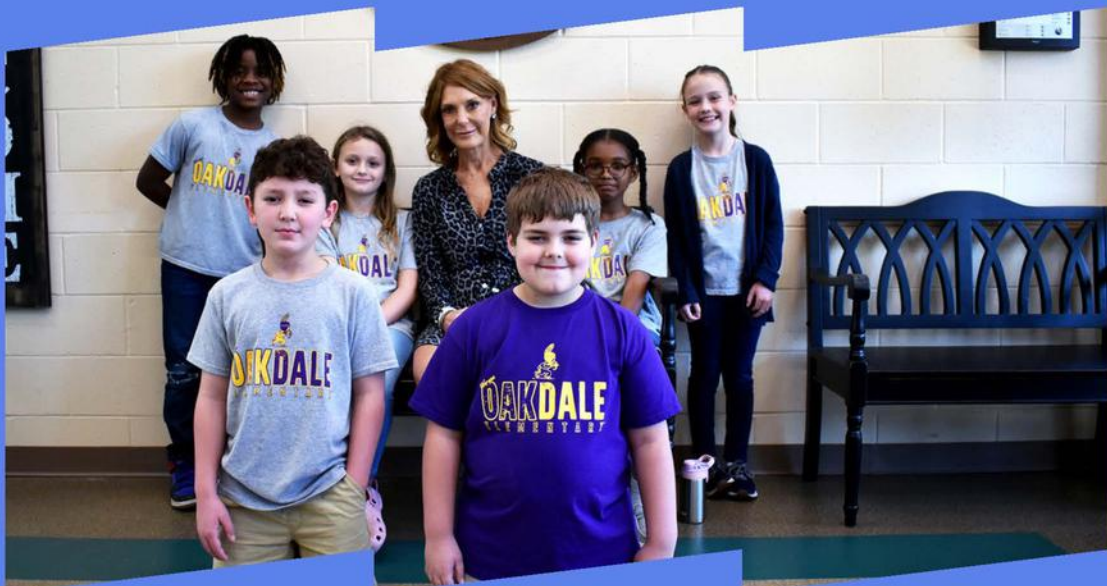
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**YOUTH RUN/WALK  
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# OUR TEAM



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Communications  
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