



Hearts in Motion

♥ Thank you, Katy Community ♥

Our hearts are so full after our very first Young Hearts and Hands Fun Run! This community truly showed up for us, and it meant more than we can put into words.

A huge thank you to our Title Sponsor, Chick-fil-A at Morton Ranch and at Elyson, for providing t-shirts and food for everyone! Your generosity set the tone for the entire event. A special thank you to marketing director Marissa Campise, whose support and coordination were a huge part of making this sponsorship possible. We also loved having the Katy Herd with us. A big thank you to the marketing directors who made it happen - Ashley Vasquez from Pin Oak CFA, Denisse Oviedo from Mason Road and Cinco Ranch CFA, and Lexie Borowski from Katy Green CFA. Who doesn't love a dancing cow? They brought so much fun dancing for the crowd and delighting the little ones. Another Gold Sponsor, Good Times Running Co. made our race day feel official with bibs, water stations, coolers, and the amazing inflatable running arch at the start line. This was amazing and so appreciated!

We are deeply grateful to our other Gold Sponsors: Patti Ann Lacy with Coldwell Banker Realty, Delisle Doherty of SPJST, Wendy Martinez, Supply Bridge Ministries, and Club Pilates for their financial support and breakfast bars that kept everyone fueled. Our Community Sponsors included ExcluIV Wellness, Buffalo Bayou Kayak Tours, Senior Stitch, New York Life, and Vinyl Me This. They helped bring this event to life and showed what local partnership looks like in action.

A very special acknowledgement to Katy Responds, the organization this run helped benefit. Their ongoing work of serving families in crisis and rebuilding hope in our community is the kind of quiet, steady impact that changes lives. We are so grateful to stand alongside them in caring for our neighbors.

Nonprofit support made the day even more special: Monty Ballard YMCA, KARE, Katy Fire Department, Katy West Aggie Moms Club who donated water bottles, Rainbows of Love, and Scouting of America. Thank you for standing with us and for the work you already do in our community.

But what truly made this event unforgettable was the gift of time and talent. A very special shoutout to our master of ceremonies JR Richardson and DJ Alton Fields for donating their incredible energy to manage the flow and energy of the run. You kept us moving, laughing, and energized from start to finish. ZAlpha brought the music and the vibe that made the event feel like a celebration. Enormous thanks to the Seven Lakes HS cheerleaders with Coach Weston - we loved the sign and their amazing spirit! Many thanks as well to THS volunteers, CRHS volunteers, Seven Lakes NAHS face painters, the EMT students at Miller who manned our First Aid station, Amy Garza and Gary Abke for their amazing work constructing our Photo Booth, and Eve Schaefer and Sharon Mitchell for their support.

This fun run was more than a race. It was proof that when a community comes together, something powerful happens for our youth. Thank you for believing in Young Hearts and Hands and for helping us make our first event a success. This is just the beginning! ♥

