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Girls on the Run International Named a 'Best Place to Work' by Charlotte Business Journal

Award recognizes outstanding companies whose benefits, policies and practices are among the region's best

Charlotte, N.C. – November 19, 2021: [Girls on the Run International](https://www.girlsontherun.org/) has been named one of the Charlotte Business Journal's 2021 'Best Places to Work'. The annual award is presented to companies based in the Charlotte region who demonstrate excellence in all areas of the workplace -- including benefits, policies, engagement, morale, practices and culture.

The 'Best Places to Work' award winners, unlike other employer recognitions, are selected based on employee feedback. The submission process includes a comprehensive nomination essay, a detailed report on policies and a robust, anonymous survey of employees. Girls on the Run has a deep commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity and access, a determined focus on mission-driven initiatives and a longstanding commitment to a caring work environment, and employee responses in the survey were overwhelmingly positive.

"Our team is a group of supremely talented people who use their distinctive talents to advance the Girls on the Run mission. We take great pride in celebrating and leveraging the unique strengths of our employees and providing opportunities for everyone to maximize their ultimate potential," said Elizabeth Kunz, chief executive officer, Girls on the Run International. "It is an honor to be selected as one of Charlotte's 'Best Places to Work' as it reinforces that our vision of knowing and activating limitless potential is alive and well, both with the girls we serve and with our employees. We are proud to be in such excellent company and are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our phenomenal staff."

Known for boosting joy, health and confidence in the lives of girls, Girls on the Run is also dedicated to ensuring all staff members have the support they need to thrive. The organization strives to embody its core values in all decision making, and this includes ensuring its employees are able to create meaningful, purpose-driven careers.

To learn more about our team and the reasons why their anonymous feedback made it possible for Girls on the Run to be recognized as a top workplace, please read our latest blog post: [Living Our Values Makes Us a 2021 Best Place to Work](#).

About Girls on the Run

Founded in 1996 with 13 girls, Girls on the Run, an international nonprofit organization, has now served over 2 million girls. Over the course of the program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. With the largest 5K series by number of events in the world, Girls on the Run hosts more than 330 5Ks per year. Girls on the Run is included as a top research-based program in a Social-Emotional Learning Guide developed by researchers at Harvard University and has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school programs. Visit www.girlsontherun.org to learn how to get involved in your community.