

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share with you, we had a very successful 20th Anniversary MRC-MEF Run for Education Celebration today, with a record-breaking \$115,000 raised for the Martinez Education Foundation.

The 20th Anniversary of the MRC-MEF Run for Education on September 24, 2022, brought in \$115,000 as people ran, walked or rolled through Downtown Martinez in the annual event that benefits the Martinez Education Foundation (MEF).

Since the Run for Education started in 2003, it has raised \$1.3 million for K-12 supplies and educational experiences in the Martinez Unified School District (MUSD). This year, 602 people participated in the Saturday morning event, while several participants completed the course virtually.

Martinez Refining Company, Refinery Manager, Daniel Ingram surprised the crowd when he presented MEF with an additional \$20,000 check to celebrate the Run's 20th Anniversary, "We wanted to recognize the great work by the Martinez Education Foundation and celebrate this milestone. It's important to support education and we are proud to fuel the future."

The Martinez Refining Company underwrites the cost of the event and also matches the first \$20,000 in sponsorships pledged by other businesses. All money raised by the Run goes toward MEF's Teachers' Grant Program. MRC's Community Relations Manager, Ann Notarangelo said, "We value education and experiences. On behalf of the employees of the Martinez Refining Company we are proud to support the Martinez community, our educators and students."

After the Run, a surprised MEF Board Member and Race Director, Jack Funk said, "This was a well-attended Run and it's exciting to see the community support on a beautiful day. I was surprised by MRC; in addition to the normal underwriting of the Run and the \$20,000 Sponsor match, they presented us with an additional \$20,000. That puts this year's fundraising at the highest total raised by a Run for Education event."

Alhambra High School Marching Band and Color Guard Director Sara Stafford said, "The Alhambra music students and I are always grateful we get to play at the kick-off of the Run for Education. We love being part of this tradition and are so proud we can share our music with the community." A MEF grant helped Stafford buy new instruments and Marching Band uniforms.

In 2021, MEF provided MUSD teachers with \$125,700 in grants. Superintendent of the Martinez Unified School District, Helen Rossi said, "We want to thank the Martinez Refining Company and Martinez Education Foundation for their many years of financial support for MUSD. Their time, effort, and generosity have helped MUSD provide enhanced learning experiences for all students."

Paola Morales of Martinez won the men's 5k and Renae Searls of Martinez won the women's 5K. The complete results are posted at the Martinez Run for Education event page at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Martinez/MRCMEFRunforEducation>.

The event was a great success thanks to MUSD students, MRC employees, MEF volunteers, Martinez CERT, community members, Martinez Police Department, Martinez Public Works, and local businesses.

In addition to the Martinez Refining Company, corporate Diamond Circle sponsors include, HPC Industrial powered by Clean Harbors which recently changed their name from HydrochemPSC. Vice President for HPC Industrial powered by Clean Harbors Chris Delgado said, "Community involvement and supporting our youth is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We are proud supporters and sponsors of the 20th Anniversary MRC-MEF Run for Education!"

Thank you to our 20th Anniversary MRC-MEF Run for Education Sponsors!

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