

28th Annual Genesis Battlegreen Run

Sunday | November 5, 2023 | Lexington, MA



Family Fun Run | 5k Walk | 5k Run | 10k Run





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The Battle Green Run Foundation is an official 501(c)3 charity that organizes an annual road race held in Lexington, MA to fund a number of worthy local charities. Proceeds from the race and related fundraising events are donated to organizations that benefit the Lexington community.

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The Chorus brings together developmentally disabled individuals to learn about singing and music at weekly rehearsals, as well as socialize and make friends. Our Chorus program runs in two sessions, from September-January and then February-June and are divided into two groups, Sing-Along Chorus meets on Mondays from 7-8:30pm and Sing-Along Singers meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. Chorus promotes fun and friendship and has performances and special parties each session.

Special Artists brings together individuals with developmental disabilities to work on art projects. Participants work at their own pace in a supportive and fun environment, emphasizing creativity and friendship. Special Artists work on different project each session and activities can include watercolor/acrylic painting, fabric painting, wood projects, and multi-media art. The program meets for eight weeks in the Fall and eight weeks in the Spring. Special exhibits are planned to showcase the talent and achievements of our artists.

For more information on any SNAP programs, please contact Heidi O'Mara, Executive Director, at info@snaparts.org. You can also visit our website at www.snaparts.org for a program application or to learn how to volunteer with SNAP.





The Turner Syndrome Society of the United States (TSSUS)

Our mission is to advance knowledge, facilitate research, and provide support for all touched by Turner syndrome.

Turner syndrome (TS) occurs in approximately one in 2,000 live female births. It is identified by a difference in the genetic make-up of those who are affected. Most girls and women have two complete X chromosomes (the sex chromosomes for females). Turner syndrome is caused by the absence of all or part of the second X chromosome in some or all of the cells of the body. At the basic level, the missing genetic material prevents the female body from growing and maturing naturally. The most consistent features of TS are short stature and lack of ovarian development, but there are a range of health, developmental, social, and learning challenges that might affect those with TS to differing degrees. Many people with TS have serious cardiac issues, and everyone with TS should be monitored by a cardiologist throughout their lifetime. Turner syndrome is variable, and each person will have unique health needs and characteristics.

Donations to TSSUS will support:

Advancing knowledge and facilitating research by:

- Developing and maintaining the most comprehensive resources available on TS offering education, support, and instruction
- Creating, collaborating on, and distributing up-to-date *Clinical Care Guidelines for Girls and Women with TS*; *Patient Friendly Care Guidelines for Girls and Women with TS*; *Turner Topic Patient Guides*; professional recorded expert presentations from the TSSUS National Conference; and many more.
- Maintaining a comprehensive Provider Directory, and educating healthcare providers on the latest information on TS care
- Establishing, managing, and solely funding the *Turner Syndrome Research Registry (TSRR)* to gather patient data to assist in research initiatives amongst all TS specialists.
- Awarding research grants to TS specialists working within the *Turner Syndrome Research Registry*
- Leading the Turner Syndrome Network (TRN) – a multi-institutional network to develop and foster connections among professionals, patients/families, and researches, to advance scientific discoveries for the purpose of developing more effective treatments and ensuring quality of care practices.
- Sponsoring the bi-annual Turner Syndrome Symposium where the world's leading experts gather to advance TS care

Support all those touched by Turner Syndrome by:

- Hosting the National TSSUS Annual Conference for TS women, girls, their families, medical professionals, and other professionals with an interest in TS
- Providing compassionate, expert phone support
- Maintaining a network of local volunteers and mentors across the country as a support resource
- Connecting the TS community across the country through local, vibrant events and active, local groups
- Providing scholarship opportunities for the annual conference, hearing aids, life enhancement opportunities, education, and TSSUS membership

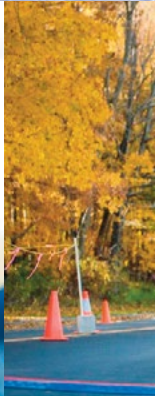
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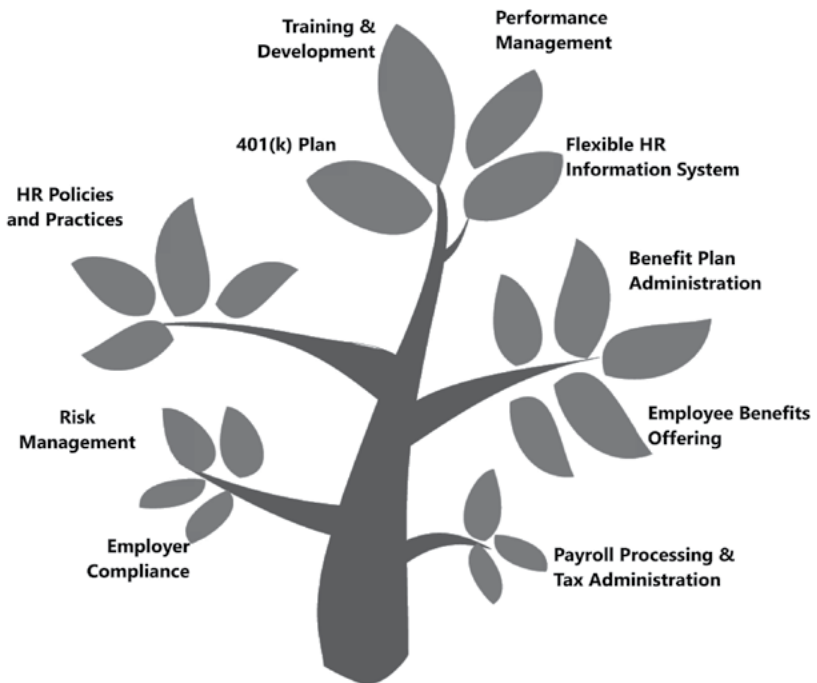




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Running for Innocence is a charity running team that offers a unique way to support the New England Innocence Project's efforts to bring innocence claims to light by contributing directly to the costs of expert case review, private investigation and DNA consultation and testing necessary to bring innocence claims to light. Money raised by Running for Innocence team members goes directly toward the expert and investigator expenses needed to ensure that the many men and women whose wrongful convictions the New England Innocence Project and its partners are working to overturn have a fighting chance to achieve justice and freedom. The Genesis Battlegreen organizers welcomed our team with open arms, inviting us back as one of the featured charity teams. We could not be more thrilled to partner with them this year, and look forward to bringing an even stronger team together for the 2023 event, including an expanded group of Kids Running for Innocence!





Ralph Lord 1929 – 2001

The **Ralph Lord Memorial 5k Run** is named after Ralph Lord who served on the race committee until his untimely passing in 2001. Ralph also served the state track community as a member of the MIAA state track tournament committee and served as one of the top officials in that sport for many years. Ralph represented the Massachusetts track community on the national level as well by serving on the National Federations rules committee. At Lexington High School he served his community in many capacities including instructor, coach, and Athletic Director. No matter where you came in contact with Ralph you met a true gentle man who lived a life that exemplified the true meaning of a sportsman. You also met a man who gave of his services wherever they were needed. It was a constant desire of his to stress sportsmanship at every level of competition and he was a living example for us to follow.

Ralph created his legacy by giving back to the community. With this road race and by providing funding for various organizations in Lexington and greater Boston we attempt to keep that legacy alive and hope to kindle that spirit in the next generation. We are privileged to be able to name this race in his memory.





Dave Needham

1946 - 2021

On April 23, 2021, Lexington lost one of its most cherished citizens and the Battlegreen Run Foundation lost one of its most respected and well-loved volunteers.

For many years, Dave Needham worked tirelessly as a member of the management team at Genesis HR Solutions and was a major contributor to the many successes of the GenesisHR Battlegreen Run.

His work in the Lexington community was extraordinary and he was very well known for his deep involvement in youth sports in town. In his neighborhood, he was widely known as the "Mayor of the Manor," a moniker he earned while walking his beloved black labs and chatting with anyone and everyone he met along the way.

Dave was an avid fisherman, boater, kayaker, tennis player, golfer and grill master. In summer, he enjoyed his time at Great East Lake in New Hampshire with family and friends.

For those of us who knew Dave and appreciated all that he was, we will miss him, but he will never be forgotten.





Bob Ludwig 1943-2022

The Bob Ludwig Memorial 10k Run is named in honor of Bob Ludwig who served on the board of the Battlegreen Run Foundation (BRF) since its founding and was a key fundraiser each year since the first Battlegreen Run first took place in 1996. While his passing in December 2022 was a true loss not only to the BRF and their Non-Profit Partners but it was clearly felt throughout the Lexington Community.

A native of Chicago, Bob was a graduate of Notre Dame and Northwestern University before volunteering as a Peace Corps worker in Nepal for two years. He moved to the Boston area and for nearly fifty years, Bob and his wife Fran called Lexington their home.

His charitable works are legendary. During the 1990s he put his skills as a Human Resource professional to work by bootstrapping a Job Search Support Group in Lexington. Folling the Khmer Rouge insurgece, he was a leader in helping displaced Cambodian families find housing and employment as a member of the Lexington Ecumenical Resettlement Coalition. As a board member of Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston he worked tirelessly to support those who needed housing and with his leadership Habitat for Humanity has been a BRF beneficiary since 1996.

As co-chair of the Christian Service Commission of the Lexington Catholic Community, he coordinated delivery of Thanksgiving turkeys and Easter hams to inner city families in need. He travelled to Honduras for several years to work among the poor and was an inspiration behind the founding of Esperanza – Hope For The Children, a BRF Non-Profit Partner that works to bring Honduran children in need of medical services to the Boston area.

While his efforts supported all BRF Non-Profit Partners, he was also instrumental in raising funds for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF). His family and friends continue to raise funds for MMRF in Bob's name at the Battlegreen Run. We are proud to honor Bob for all he has done by naming the 10k race in his memory.



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is a registered non-profit organization which provides medical and educational assistance for people living in Honduras. In the past 15 years we have helped hundreds of children receive medical care within the country and brought several others to the Boston area to receive life-saving medical treatment.

We have given financial assistance to children who would not have the opportunity to attend school, and provided scholarships to others attending bilingual school.

Esperanza has been involved with several community projects in the village of Flores including improvements to the health center, schools, community center, constructing a police station and drilling a well. Our next project will be working with the Allison Centro Contra el Cancer, a newly-built hospital in Comayagua which offers free consultations to patients with cancer.

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