

Newsletter

In 2016, Winged Foot Foundation volunteers continued to do good works on behalf of Chicagoland student athletes. As a 501 c 3 charity organization we assist student athletes in need of athletic equipment, we also promote higher education & athletic events.

This is our fourth annual newsletter, it serves as an update regarding our progress in the running community and recognizes those volunteers, donors and companies that have contributed to our growth.

These are the highlights:

- Over the past 12 months, 5 more teams have been added to our network bringing our total to 81 teams receiving running shoes, spikes, apparel & equipment.
- Special thanks to: Naperville Apple Store, Saucony, Road Runner Sports, Naperville Running Company,
 Geneva Running Outfitters, DNA Athletics and Run Today for their generous donations
- To store our shoe inventory, we have a very generous Lease arrangement for a Naperville facility courtesy
 of our friends at Arthur Goldner & Associates in Northbrook.
- Mitch Johnston and the WFF interviewed on NCTV 17's Spotlight and recognized at the Terry Englund Relays for ongoing support of Eisenhower's Cross Country and Track Teams

WFF Community Events in 2016

- The WFF has taken a hiatus from the Illinois Sprint Spectacular Track Meet and has instead contributed to the 2016 Season Finale Track & Field Meet at Lewis University on July 16th. This meet successfully hosted by Rush Athletics USA.
- The Naperville Rotary Club Sunrise partnered with the WFF for a shoe drive at their St. Patty's Day 5K
 March 10th
- New WFF Event Willow's Walk for the Kids fund raiser, Sat. Oct. 1st in Naperville.

David Botos Neuqua Valley HS 2016 WFF Community Service Award

To benefit Chicago area runners in need, David Botos of the Neuqua Valley High School Cross Country Team organized a shoe donation drive with his teammates and friends in the Naperville area during the Summer. Over 150 shoes were donated and then distributed by the WFF to Chicago area cross country teams during the 2016 season. David is also the 2015 WFF Community Service Award Winner.



Support the Winged Foot Foundation

Donating Goods

- Donate new or slightly used running shoes, spikes, apparel. Drop off shoes at the following stores:
 - Runners Edge, Run Today, DNA Athletics, and Road Runner Sports.
- Shoe donations can also be mailed or delivered to:
 - Mitch Johnston C/O Winged Foot Foundation, 913 Manchester St. Naperville, IL. 60563 / Cell 312-513-6965



Donation Allocation

 Donations to the WFF are applied to our key operation costs: Athletic Equipment, Event Hosting, Website Maintenance, Insurance, Storage Space Rental, Tax Return Prep., Auto Fuel for Shoe Pick-Up/Delivery, T-Shirts & Awards

Donating Money

(Electronically or by Mail)

- Contributors can make tax deductible donations to the WFF through the JP Morgan Chase Bank affiliate -Authorize.net, the link is found on the Donations Tab of our Website: www.wingedfootfoundation.org
- A tax deductible receipt will then be sent to the donor to substantiate the amount of the donation.
- With a minimum \$50 donation you are entitled to a Winged Foot Foundation t-shirt or singlet.



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Bloom Cross Country Team



Morgan Park City Track Champs



Bloom Track Team



Eisenhower Track Team



WFF Shoe Donations



West Chicago Cross Country Team



Proviso West Cross Country Team



Niles West Track Team



TF North Track Team



Thornridge Track Team



Fenger Track Team

Winged Foot Foundation's Ongoing Community Engagement

Old Friends Discuss New Ideas





Sharing our mission with Naperville's Rotary Club Sunrise, Naperville Chamber of Commerce and Naperville's Kiwanis Club

Kevin Newell, Skip Stolley & Mitch Johnston





2016 Season Finale Track & Field Meet



Willow's Walk for the Kids

Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 am Springbrook Prairie Pavilion 2555 w. 75th St. Naperville, IL.







The Winged Foot Foundation, (501 C 3 Charity), in cooperation with Road Runner Sports, is hosting a 2 mile family dog walk. All proceeds to benefit the Winged Foot Foundation, (wingedfootfoundation.org), in their ongoing efforts to supply running equipment to young athletes in Chicagoland's low-income neighborhoods. All participating Dogs receive a Willow's Walk for the Kids Bandana.



NCTV 17 *Spotlight*Interviews WFF



Naperville Community Television (NCTV17) features *Spotlight*, a talk show for not-for profits organizations. NCTV17 created *Spotligh*t to create opportunities for local organizations and to create awareness in the community. On November 9th, *Spotligh*t host Jane Warnette interviewed Mitch Johnston and Marcus Pass, Head Cross Country Coach at Leo Catholic High School.

Watch the interview anytime by visiting the Winged Foot Foundation home page and click on the *Spotlight* link.

http://www.wingedfootfoundation.org/

The **Spotlight** interview for the Winged Foot Foundation aired November 15-29 on Channel 17 in Naperville (Comcast and WOW! cable subscribers) and Channel 99 (AT&T UVerse subscribers). The show can also be watched via live simultaneous stream at http://www.nctv17.com/

