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**CHICAGO RUN SPOTLIGHTS 'GO THE DISTANCE' HONOREES AND PROGRAMMING EXCELLENCE AT
8th ANNUAL 'LITTLE STEPS, BIG STARS' FUNDRAISER**

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan Among Evening's Honorees

(Chicago, IL) – On May 12, nearly 400 corporate, civic and education leaders will gather to celebrate Chicago Run's 8th Annual 'Little Steps, Big Stars' fundraiser at the Ivy Room (12 E. Ohio St), a memorable and fun evening showcasing and honoring the steps that students, teachers, and families have taken to build healthier schools and communities. The event supports health and wellness programming that Chicago Run proudly provides to over 17,000 students across 43 Chicago Public Schools in 28 diverse neighborhoods and communities across the City of Chicago.

This year, Chicago Run honors former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and his wife Karen, along with U.S. Bank Regional President Marsha Cruzan, as the 2016 "Go the Distance" award winners, honoring their dedication to Chicago Run's mission and programming. "We are excited to honor Secretary Duncan, Karen and Marsha for their unwavering commitment to our organization," says Alicia Gonzalez, Chicago Run's Founding Executive Director and first staff member. "This year's honorees have displayed a tremendous depth of passion and philanthropic stewardship for our organization and the lives that we touch everyday in Chicago's communities. As our organization enters its eighth year, we are deeply honored and humbled by the support shown by our honorees and their commitment to improving the lives of young people through education and sports," Gonzalez later adds.

The evening will include a networking reception, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and a short presentation featuring Chicago Run student program participants, the "Go the Distance" awards ceremony and a silent auction. Little Steps, Big Stars is made possible by the generous support of many leading Chicago organizations, including Grosvenor Capital Management, McKinsey & Co., Ariel Investments, Bank of America, Capgemini, Latham & Watkins, Sidley and US Bank, among other corporate, civic and community supporters.

About Chicago Run

Founded in 2007, Chicago Run aids in the fight against childhood obesity, while working to promote the health and wellness of children in Chicago through innovative, engaging and sustainable youth running programs. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.chicagorun.org/> and follow Chicago Run on Twitter [@Chicago_Run](https://twitter.com/Chicago_Run).