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Takeda WonderGirl 5K Fun Run on June 2

Hundreds of Girls will run their first 5K with their families and community members

Who: Hundreds of young girls aged 8-12 will celebrate their “girl power” by running 3.1 miles together with their parents, teachers, and community members. Let them inspire you! All men, women, children and community superheroes are welcome. Girls on the Run International Founder and Runners World Magazine “Heroes of Running” award winner Molly Barker will kick off the race.

What: The Takeda WonderGirl is the culmination of the Girls on the Run-Chicago girls’ spring 12-week character-building program which combines training for the 3.1 mile run with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the after-school programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

This year's run will be a part of a morning full of fun activities. Bally Total Fitness instructors do the event warm up and the American Girl Place Ambassadors lead runners in the National Anthem. The Windy City Rollers will lead the runners out on the course. WGCI –FM will keep everyone dancing. Post-race entertainment includes face painting, tiara decorating, and visits from Chicago sports team mascots and Tony the Tiger.

All finishers will receive a WonderGirl medal and race t-shirt. To register or volunteer, visit www.gotrchicago.org. The race is registered by the Chicago-area Runners Association (CARA).

The WonderGirl is one of 70 end-of-season Girls on the Run 5K events across the United States and Canada.

When: 9:00 a.m. CT on Saturday, June 2.

Where: The course starts and ends at Montrose Harbor Beach House, located at 4400 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago. Free parking is available in the Montrose Harbor Avenue parking lots east of Lake Shore Drive.

Why: Proceeds from the event help raise money for Girls on the Run-Chicago and help expand the program across the Chicagoland area.

Event sponsors include Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, American Girl Place, Fleet Feet Sports, Dominick’s, Aloha Document Services, New Balance, Goody, Kellogg’s Frosted Flakes, and many others.

To register for the race or for more information, visit www.gotrchicago.org or email info@gotrchicago.org.

Girls On The Run®-Chicago uses the power of running to change the way girls see themselves and their opportunities. It is an innovative, preventative health education and wellness program that combines training for a 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk with life-changing lessons that inspire a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.