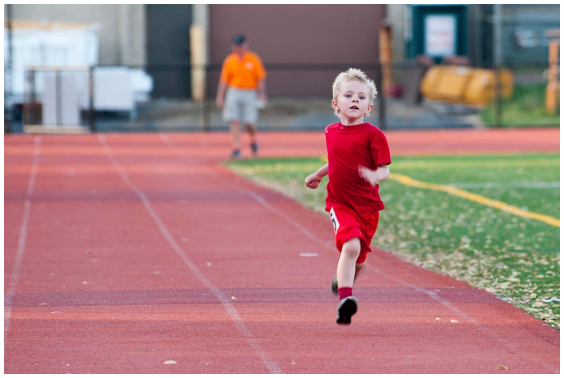
Greetings local business owner!

In July 2015, former Downers Grove North champion runner Ben Silver took his life at 22 after battling schizophrenia for nearly three years. As a brother, son, grandson, friend, and teammate, Ben excelled in all aspects of life. He had an impressive running career at Herrick Middle School and Downers Grove North. He was also a singer, songwriter, poet, and role model for all who knew him.

On June 17, 2017, we hosted our second annual Ben's Memorial Mile in his honor, and it was another huge success! It was a feel-good event for people of all ages, and we again donated our net proceeds to mental-health charities. We are looking to build off that momentum for the third annual Ben's Memorial Mile on Saturday, June 16, 2018. It will again be a community gathering to honor Ben's life and raise money and awareness for mental health and suicide prevention. There are two organizations who we will donate our net proceeds to: the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation (BBRF) and Hope for the Day (HFTD).

Local businesses investing their time and resources help make our event a successful one. If you are not in a position to make a financial contribution, you can still help our foundation in other ways: we accept donated goods for our raffle or event needs, and we can always use help with outreach.



This year, your business can be part of this exciting community event! We appreciate your generosity and hope you find a level of support below that is comfortable for you (please see the next page for our sponsorship levels). Thank you for being a part of Ben's story and contributing to the community!

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Friends of Ben, PREMIER Level - $10,000+ • "Ben's Memorial Mile brought to you by [your company name]" • Opportunity to give a short speech • Large banners around the track • Company name/logo on t-shirts, program, and sponsor board • Promotional table during event • Unlimited race entries/t-shirts	***Friends of Ben, PLATINUM Level - $5,000+*** • Large banners around the track • Company name/logo on t-shirts, program, and sponsor board • Promotional table during event • Unlimited race entries/t-shirts
Friends of Ben, SILVER Level - $1,000+ • Company name/logo on t-shirts, program, and sponsor board • Promotional table during event • Unlimited race entries/t-shirts	***Friends of Ben, BRONZE Level - $500+*** • Company name/logo on t-shirts, program, and sponsor board • Promotional table during event • 4 race entries/t-shirts
Friends of Ben, COPPER Level - $250+ • Company name/logo in program • 2 race entries/t-shirts	***Friends of Ben - $100+*** • Company name/logo in program • 1 race entry/t-shirt

Please make all checks payable to "Ben's Memorial Mile". Ben's Memorial Mile is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Proof of certification can be provided upon request.