

The Los Angeles Firecracker Run Committee

The Los Angeles Firecracker Run Committee, Inc. is a community-based, 501.3(c)(3) non-profit organization with a non-salaried group of volunteers who donate their time and energies to organize and stage an annual run/walk event and to promote activities beneficial to the Los Angeles Chinatown community.



In 1979, the L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 10K Run began with six volunteers from diverse backgrounds in the community. Helen Young, one of the early activists in Chinatown, brought this idea to a group of like-minded individuals who would form the initial working committee. The Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee (LACFRC) was thus formed to create the best possible athletic event for its participants; and to share our cultural heritage during the Lunar New Year festivities with the greater Southern California community. The event has since expanded from the original 10k run to include a 5K Run, 5K Fun Walk and a 1K Kiddie Run to include participants from all age and fitness groups.

The “Firecracker Run” has been recognized over the years as one of the best organized events in the running community. After 30 years, the event remains participant-oriented; to make his/her participation as memorable and enjoyable as possible as well as to award proceeds of the event to area community non-profit organizations and groups.

Since it's inception, the L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee, Inc. has contributed over \$400,000 to our local elementary schools and non-profit community organizations providing service and programs to benefit the community.

Recently, the L.A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee, Inc. was selected to be a member of the Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF). LACFRC remains dedicated to provide the best organized, fun and competitive running event for serious runners and recreational participants from various age groups.