



**RC MALDEN**

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**2024**  
EDITION

# OUR MISSION

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Run Club of Malden's mission is to combine camaraderie, running, and community service in a fun and welcoming environment. We believe diversity makes the world and the sport of running more interesting; that if you run, you are a runner; that runners at different experience and pace levels learn from each other; that we have a responsibility to give back to the communities whose paths we frequent; and that there is nothing more fun than logging miles with friends. We are committed to making the sport of running inclusive, welcoming, and accessible to all.

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Since our inception in 2018, the foundation of Run Club of Malden has been our Wednesday evening group run. This is our bedrock, our cornerstone. It is why the club was created, and it will forever be our core. After all, *“there is nothing more fun than logging miles with friends.”*

But, *“we have a responsibility to give back to the communities whose paths we frequent.”* That’s where the Wobble Before You Gobble Kids Dash and 5k comes in. Our tireless Race Director, Kelsey Smithendorf, volunteered hundreds of hours to produce a smash success. We brought together civic leaders, local businesses, and the local running community at large for a great day of running.

Over 80 kids participated in the Kids Dash, free of charge, receiving an introduction to the sport of running which may blossom into a life-long passion.

Over 300 5k runners raced a challenging course on a cold, clear and windy morning, supported by a cast of volunteers which included over a dozen RCMalden members.

The Mystic Valley YMCA and Bread of Life, co-beneficiaries of the event, were great partners.

Most importantly though, as I walked around the start/finish line before, during and after the event, I got the feeling that this event is here to stay. I saw whole families running, cheering or both. I saw little ones run the kids dash, get their medal and pie, then hop in a stroller while mom or dad pushed them in the 5k. I saw strangers cheering for strangers.

So when I look back at 2024, I can say we gave back to the community. Yes, money. But I’m even prouder that we gave the community memories, hopefully that will last a lifetime.

Now, as we turn our gaze to 2025, let’s go make some more.

Cheers,  
Joe LeBlanc,  
President, RCMalden

# MEMBERSHIP STATS

In 2024, RCMalden had 73 active members, a small decrease from 2023 (84 members).



# 2024 ACTIVITIES

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## Weekly Runs

- Wednesdays at 6pm
- Saturdays at 8am

## Special Events

- Ultrarunner Nedd Brockmann inspired RCMalden members during an evening hosted by Marathon Sports Melrose and PUMA.



# 2024 ACTIVITIES

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## RCMalden Team Races

- 26X1 Mile Club Challenge Relay Invitational, Hosted by Somerville Road Runners
- Irish American 5k and 10k Road Race
- RCMalden Annual Wobble Before You Gobble 5k Fun Run and Kids Dash



# COMMUNITY CORNER

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## BOSTON MARATHON VOLUNTEER TEAM

RCMalden members and friends volunteered at the 128th Boston Marathon, distributing water and Gatorade to runners at the Mile 10 Hydration Station in Natick.

## 3RD ANNUAL WOBBLE BEFORE YOU GOBBLE 5K AND KIDS DASH

402 runners and walkers participated in the 2024 Wooble Before You Gobble 5k and Kids Dash on November 24, 2024.

Proceeds from the race were donated to Bread of Life and Mystic Valley YMCA, two organizations that in tandem with RCMalden promote healthy lifestyles within the greater Malden community.

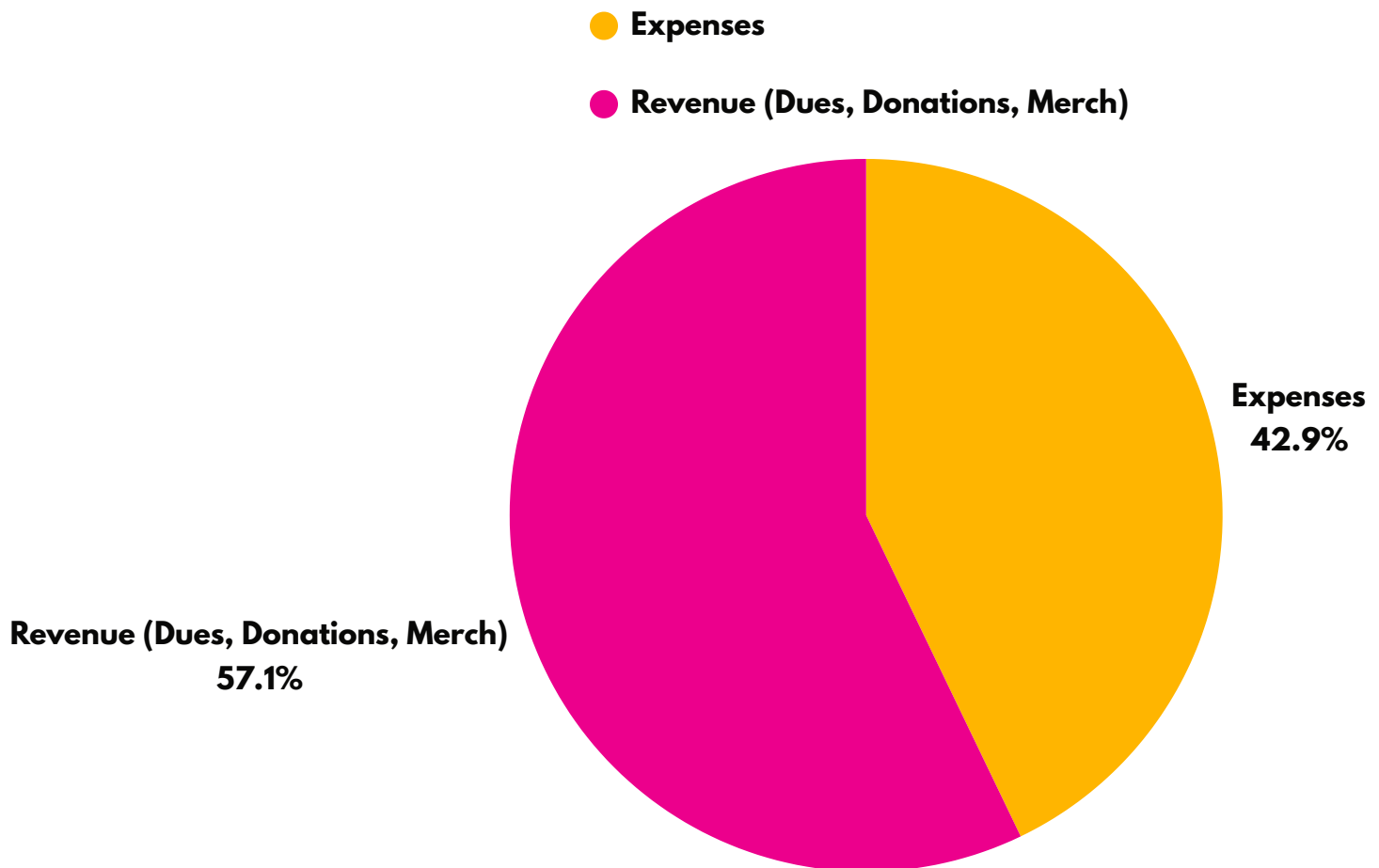
We are grateful for the efforts of our esteemed Race Director Kelsey Smithendorf, who championed the 2024 event.

Thank you also to the many race volunteers and sponsors.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Club financial support was received in 2024 from all sources, including membership dues and donations, totaling \$18,242 which was used to support club programs and expenses. Expenses of \$13,683 were incurred in the same period which primarily consisted of our 5K road race, donations to other charities, membership fees in the Road Runners Club of America, RCMalden branded tent for club events, general liability insurance, and D&O insurance. The club ended the period with savings of \$14,566.



# **THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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**FACES & BIKEENY, OUR WEEKLY HOSTS**

**IDLE HANDS & MARATHON SPORTS, EVENT  
PARTNERS**

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REIMAGYM, DOM'S SAUSAGE, SOUL CITY  
YOGA, STOP N SHOP, WEGMANS - WOBBLE  
BEFORE YOU GOBBLE 5K RACE SPONSORS**

**MYSTIC VALLEY YMCA & BREAD OF LIFE,  
BENEFICIARIES.**