



# RC MALDEN

**Annual Report 2025**

# About RCMalden

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

The great Des Linden adopted the mantra, “keep showing up.” It’s a great approach for a runner to take, to focus on being consistent and resilient. If a runner keeps showing up, they’ll maximize their talents. Most of us runners are never going to actually win a race, but if we keep showing up, if we’re consistent, if we’re resilient, we can get the most of our talent and hopefully, reach our potential.

The same can be said for run clubs. In 2025, RCMalden kept showing up. Hot or cold, rain or snow, we showed up every Wednesday evening for a nice, leisurely group run around Pine Banks, followed by beer and socializing at Faces. We showed up every Saturday morning for the weekly “brisket run” (low and slow, don’t burn the brisket) followed by coffee and socializing at Bikeeny Caffe.

We showed up on November 23, when we produced the fourth annual Wobble Before You Gobble Kids Dash & 5k. The race grew to over 500 kids, runners, and volunteers, our largest race yet. We were able to donate \$ 3,500 each to two awesome Malden-based nonprofits, Mystic Valley YMCA and Bread of Life.

Our club is never going to be the biggest club in greater Boston, nor will we ever be the fastest. The Wobble Before You Gobble will never be the biggest turkey trot in Greater Boston, nor will we have any world-record holders toe the line on Dartmouth Street. But these things aren’t our goal. Our goal is to be a fun, casual club where anyone who wants to show up and go for a run will feel welcome. The goal for the Wobble is to be a fun, casual race where anyone who wants to show up and go for a run can support two great community institutions.

Our goal, in short, is to **keep showing up**.

*Joe LeBlanc*

President, Run Club of Malden

# Malden, Massachusetts

## A designated Runner Friendly Community

In 2025, the city of Malden was designated a Runner Friendly Community by the Road Runners Club of America.

To earn this distinction, cities must show community infrastructure and support from civic and business leaders which provide a safe environment for runners.

Run Club of Malden is proud to have led this campaign, and thanks Malden City Council for celebrating our club and its efforts.



RCMalden President Joe Leblanc at Malden City Hall

# Membership Stats

**59**

**Active Members**



A decrease from 2024's 73 active members

# 2025 Activities

## Weekly Runs:

- Wednesdays at 6pm (Faces)
- Saturdays at 8am (Bikeeny)

## Special Events

- Fourth annual RCMalden Annual Wobble Before You Gobble 5k Fun Run and Kids Dash



# Community Corner

## **BOSTON MARATHON VOLUNTEER TEAM**

RCMalden members and friends volunteered at the 129th Boston Marathon, distributing water and Gatorade to runners at the Mile 10 Hydration Station in Natick.

## **FOURTH ANNUAL WOBBLE BEFORE YOU GOBBLE 5K AND KIDS DASH**

452 dashers, runners, and walkers participated in the 2025 Wooble Before You Gobble 5k and Kids Dash on November 23, 2025.

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. Thank you to the many race volunteers and sponsors



# Wobble Before You Gobble Donation Check Presentations



Mystic Valley YMCA

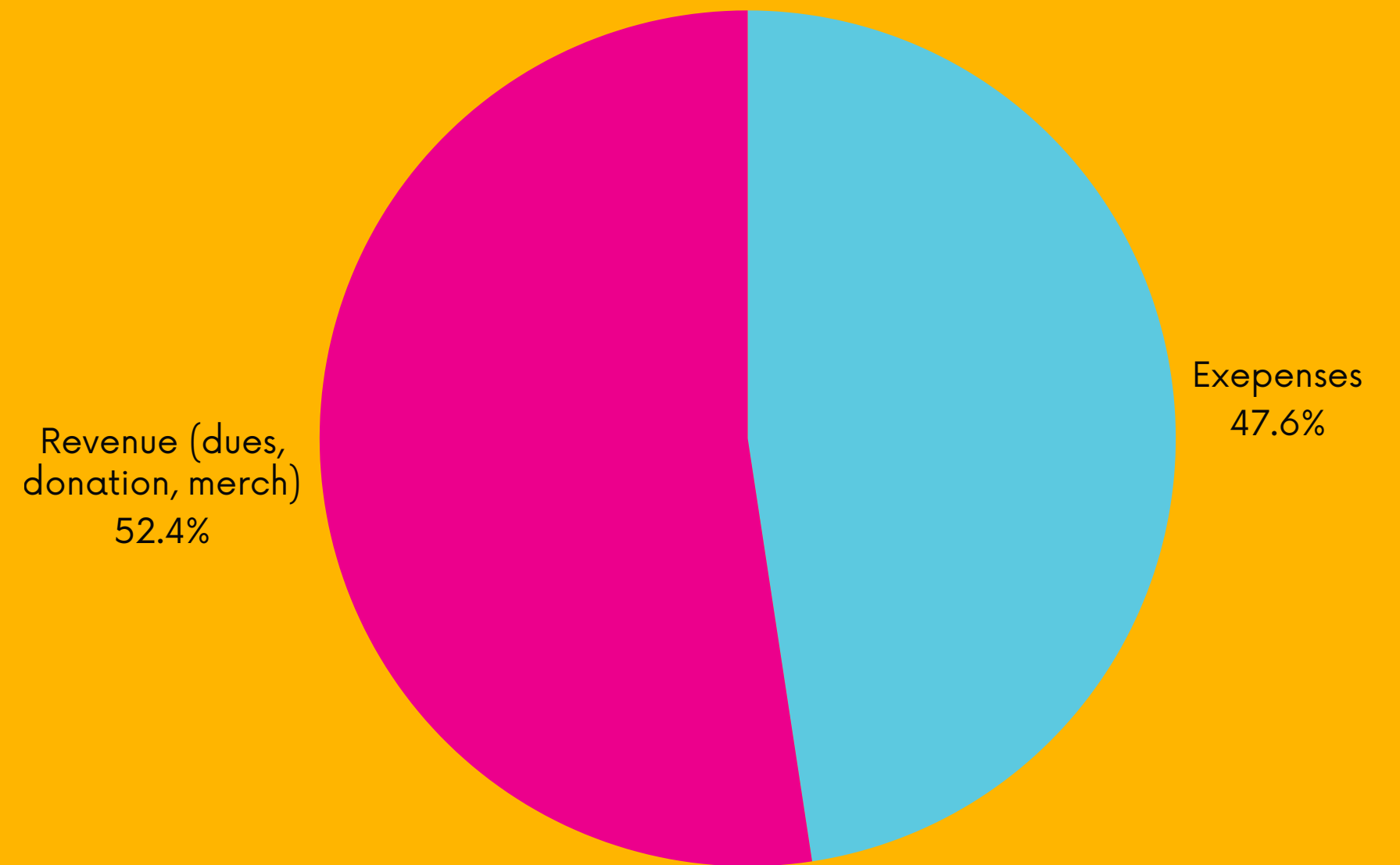


Bread of Life

Each charity received a donation of \$3,500

# Financial Statements

Club financial support in 2025, from all sources including membership dues and donations, totaled \$17,227 and was used to fund club programs and expenses. Expenses of \$15,646 were incurred in the same period, primarily for our 5K road race, donations to other charities, membership fees in the Road Runners Club of America, general liability insurance, and D&O insurance. The club ended the period with savings of \$16,146.



# Thank you to our community partners

Faces Brewing and Bikeeny Caffè, our weekly hosts

## **Wobble Sponsors:**

Bikeeny Caffè, BingeBowl, Bobo's, Faces, Marathon Sports, Raising Cane's, Reimagym, Stop & Shop, Wegman's, Wellness in Motion

## **Beneficiaries:**

Bread of Life and Mystic Valley YMCA