



Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. Hall of Fame

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978. The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for four decades. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, totally dependent on its membership's time contribution. A great number of runners and non-runners have contributed to meeting the objectives defined by the founding members. Starting in 2009, the club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

The Plano Pacers would like to recognize Ron Wahlquist for his outstanding contributions to the club. Ron has been running with the Pacers since late 2015. He and his son, Stephen, were frequent participants in both the Kids K and regular races through 2019 and to this day, Ron still runs in most of our monthly races. When the previous Kids K volunteer stepped down in 2018, Ron was the obvious choice to carry the torch. After being approached, he graciously agreed to take on the Kids K responsibilities, and his "yes" marked the beginning of seven years of exceptional volunteer service.

As Kids K director, Ron oversees every aspect of the Kids K including in-person registration, bib assignment, race logistics, results scoring, awards, and results compilation for the website. Because of his tireless efforts, countless kids have been introduced to running and racing each month. Many former Kids K participants have become serious, competitive runners in high school, college and beyond – an enduring legacy for both the Plano Pacers and Ron.

Beyond the Kids K, Ron regularly steps in to support race day signups and membership when those teams need extra help. His dedication to the Plano Pacers is evident in everything he does. Ron drives more than 50 miles from Bonham for every race, and even when he is not running, he still shows up to direct the Kids K. Ron rarely misses a race, but on the rare occasions he cannot attend, he always arranges for a substitute Kids K director, so the club leadership never has to worry.

For all these reasons and more, the Plano Pacers are proud to induct Ron Wahlquist into the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

Fred Ellefson

President, Plano Pacers

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