



Education + Advocacy + Community + Mobilization



Yesterday's half marathon (13.1 miles) event was a huge success, everyone finished without passing out! A big thank you to those who donated, showed up to cheer our runners on and everyone not able to attend but who passed along messages of encouragement to our determined runners. They could not have done this without you.



You can still contribute to our half marathon fund raising efforts through the end of today at the links below.

If you would like you help us reach our goal and contribute directly through our fundraising page being hosted on Facebook, you can click here to donate:

[Running to ReWrite Futures](#)

If you are not on Facebook and would like to contribute through our website you can click here to donate:

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WHY WE RUN

Francine Sandoval

ReWritten Board Member

Why I'm running: I am running this half marathon for Rewritten because I think it's the perfect representation of what this program does for our young people day in and day out. They teach our youth to endure when it would be easy to give up, they teach our youth the value of practice and training, and they teach our youth how to finish strong in academics and in life!

My goal(s) for the half: To finish without having to call for a tow-truck at the 8th mile and to pretend the sun does not exist!

Brenda Starkins

ReWritten Supporter

Why I'm running: I am running to support the work that Rewritten does for young women, men and their families. It is with great hope for us to come together to make a difference in the lives of the people that this organization serves.

My goal(s) for the half: To finish this marathon in 2:05.

Evelyn Ponce

ReWritten Supporter

Why I'm running: I am running because I believe in this organization. I have seen firsthand the impact it has in children's lives. It gives them the opportunity to see the world in a different light by giving them hope through mentoring, and a stable, safe environment among other vital resources. At Rewritten children get to experience the involvement of a positive stable adult presence in their lives. That's important.

My goal(s) for the half: To finish... on my two limbs and not four!

Joshua Marak

Community Partner

Why I'm running: Rewritten does the work that most of us agree should be done, with regards to at risk youth, yet most of us find some "legitimate" reason to excuse us from lending a hand. Raising a few bucks by running a few miles is the least I can do.

My goal (s) for the half: If I can finish in around two hours I'd be happy with that, but then again just finishing the thing would be no small accomplishment.

Forrest Short

Pastor, Emmaus Church

Why I'm running: I'm running because ReWritten is doing incredibly important work in the Inland Empire and doing it well. I have witnessed up close the transformational impact that ReWritten has had on the lives of youth and I'm happy to contribute in this small way.

My goal(s) for the half: In this order 1) Avoid cardio respiratory failure 2) Finish 3) Eat good post-race food.

Frank Perez

CEO, ReWritten

Why I'm running: I'm running because the work we are doing at ReWritten matters. It is important work, good work and if running a half marathon helps to bring awareness and support then I'm in. I can't think of a better reason.

My goal(s) for the half: To finish before sunset and to not have to stop 20 times for a restroom break.

Dijon Sanders

ReWritten Participant

Why I'm running: The reason why I want to run this half marathon is because it's a way I can give back to people and a place have given me a lot of support when I needed it most. They changed my future and are still changing it. And are younger kids who still need a lot of help, I'm running for them too.

My goal(s) for the half: Trust I'm nervous (I've never run 13 miles before) but I hope to finish sometime before it's over!

Jesse Guzman

SB County Sheriff

Why I'm running: Important work is being done at ReWritten. I see first hand the affects of young people misguided and lost and I see first hand the effects of ReWritten's intervention into the lives of those same young people. It is powerful and it is urgent work.

My goal (s) for the half: I'd like to finish in under two hours but it has been a minute since I last ran 13 miles. In all honesty I'm hoping to just have some fun out there.