







# Impact Report

261 FEARLESS INC. IMPACT REPORT | 2022/23





#### Dear FEARLESS supporters!

Our clear goal is to offer women a safe space to run, regardless of their age, background, running experience, or faith. Every day, we ask ourselves how we can best achieve this goal and whether our actions are taking us in the right direction.

From mid-2022 to the end of 2023, four new 261 clubs were established and we trained 118 women to be 261 Fearless coaches to support women when they take their first running steps. We were able to successfully implement many other activities within these 18 months. In our reviews and analysis, we always come back to the all-important point: at the end of the day, it is the individual impact of the women who take part in our programs that counts.

Recently, we spoke to one of our 261 Coaches and she told us about her past, very challenging, few months: health and family problems and also difficult times at work. Many worries weighed on her shoulders. Despite all this adversity, she led the weekly women's running groups as a volunteer coach with great enthusiasm and always with a smile on her face. We asked her where she got all this strength. She replied: "every week I experience that I bring a lot of joy and positivity into the lives of our women through our running groups. That makes me happy and grateful. At the same time, during the Meet Runs the women give back to me this carefree time that gives me new strength. This strengthens my will to carry on and look fearlessly ahead. The 261 Club with its uplifting atmosphere has bravely got me through this tough time. Without the 261 Club it would have been very difficult for me."

At the end of the day, it is the individual stories and experiences that show us that we are heading in the right direction with our work: To empower women through running in a safe and welcoming community so that they can face their day-to-day challenges with courage, positively impacting their lives and the lives of those around them.

Our tireless 261 Fearless Team, our amazing 261 Club leaders and coaches - and you, our loyal supporters - make it possible for us to work in this capacity with our training and running programs for women! Without you, these uplifting life stories and supportive communities that are changing our society one step at a time would not be possible. This 261 Fearless Impact Report is the story of YOUR commitment to empowering women! And on behalf of all the women in our 261 Fearless community in 14 countries on five continents, we say thank you.

## **#261fearlesstogether**Grateful, Edith & Kathrine





#### **MISSION**

#### We Empower Women Through Running

We offer education and running opportunities for women to discover their self-worth and potential and make choices to control their lives.

#### **VISION**

We inspire, motivate and educate women to step up and become leaders to support women of all backgrounds to run and lead healthy, fearless and empowered lives. This is 261 Fearless, the running organization for women.

We achieve this through our range of education programs which offer opportunities to women. We train women to fearlessly deliver our Running Program in local women-only running Clubs where they can directly reach out to their community in the spirit of women's empowerment.

### **KEY FIGURES**

Status: December 2023



9 Master Coaches educating women in 4 languages to become 261 Coaches



160 Coaches leading women's running groups



19 Clubs with 49 women's running groups in 14 countries



with over 800 program participants / year



### **HIGHLIGHTS 2022/2023**







- Train the Trainer courses delivered in 3 languages
- Coaches educated 118
- Newly established 261 Clubs
- New women's only running groups within existing 261 Clubs 11
- New Master Coaches
- **Empowerment Classes held**
- Empowerment Talks presented
- Participants from 7 countries at the Global Coach summit 53
- Public Panel Discussions about "Where are the women coaches"

Countless public resources on women's health and women's running provided by 261 Fearless







#### OUR FEARLESS IMPACT ON WOMEN'S LIVES AROUND THE WORLD

Education is our tool to support all women on their journey to empowering themselves. Education is key for empowerment. We focus on providing women's education programs with a scientific basis. We believe in life-long education and offer a continuing education program to our 261 Coaches to support them in their role within 261 Fearless and beyond.



Taking over a leadership role in the local community and beyond as a 261 Coach helps women fosters their self-confidence, self-efficacy and self-esteem in their personal and professional lives.

"As a 261 Coach, I have been able to develop personally, and that's because before I wouldn't have had enough confidence to lead a group and show an exercise in front of the members. This was a big step for me!"

"What have I learned from being a 261 coach that I've translated into other parts of my life? It's that everyone is looking for connection in a world full of busy-ness and social media that actually can create a level of anti-social-ness."

"Being a 261 Coach has shown me that even at my age I can lead a group and pass on so much. I enjoy this very much!"







261 Clubs are local non-profit organizations led and managed by a team of women, and educated and supported by 261 Fearless Inc. These local 261 Clubs bring the 261 Fearless mission and the non-judgemental, non-competitive running program to their communities. They create women's running groups where women can start their running journeys and enjoy a supportive, safe, and secure community.

"I am very proud to be a Club Director because it is a valuable role in which I can actively support other fearless women and learn a lot myself. I am very grateful for this journey."

"As a Club Director, I have grown beyond my imagination in confidence, leadership skills and compassion."

### COACH CERTIFICATION COURSES

261 Coaches worldwide enjoy the same education program offered by 261 Fearless Inc. Their coach journey starts with the Train the Trainer course, a comprehensive certification course led by Master Coaches. They provide information and practical skills needed to lead and guide women's running groups. The main focus is on women's health, women's running, female leadership, and empowerment.

"What a wonderful weekend shared with like-minded women encouraging and empowering each other."

"The Train the Trainer course exceeded my expectations. It's amazing what unity, innovation, collaboration and commitment emerged."

"At Train the Trainer certification course there was plenty of room for personal development – from running style to how you interact with others."





# ONGOING COACH EDUCATION

The continuing education offered by 261 Fearless with Empowerment Classes covers a wide range of topics, supporting Coaches with knowledge and information that helps them to grow within their roles and beyond.

"Congrats for all the amazing work you do with educating women. I really enjoy taking part in the education courses and each time I learn something new."

"A fabulous session. I found it motivating on a personal level."

"It's nice to have classes on topics we can apply beyond 261 Fearless."

## MASTER COACH EDUCATION

Our Master Coach Education program provides a unique education designed to equip women with specific expertise to educate new 261 Coaches. The program provides in-depth back-ground knowledge and skills - delivered by diverse professionals and specialists in women's anatomy, psychology, sports training, and leadership.

"Becoming a Master Coach has provided me with a huge confidence boost and further motivated me through increased opportunities to work alongside other Master Coaches around the world, I feel privileged to be part of the team and this provides me with purpose outside of the workplace."



"Being a Master Coach has been such a good learning opportunity in many ways. Learning about people, working in an international team, various "content" topics, training coaches, and myself!"

#### **261 CLUB MEMBER SURVEY**

The 261 Coaches impart the mission of 261 Fearless to the local clubs, where they motivate and inspire women to get active. In this survey, we asked 196 Club members in 11 Clubs on 3 continents to share their opinion.

#### Age distribution:

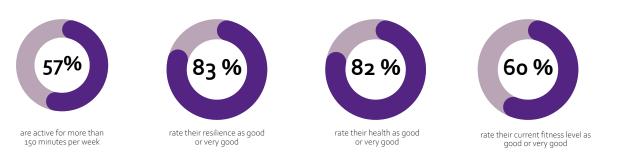


#### What members appreciate most in their 261 Club:





#### How they benefit from being 261 Running Program participants:



#### **ACTIVATE YOU PROGRAM**

A 12-week comprehensive program that supports inactive women to gain freedom & fearlessness through integrating physical activity as a regular habit in their daily lives.

Together with local 261 Clubs in New England, and Austria we provided 4 onside programs, particularly in BIPOC communities. The result: 3 new groups were established within existing clubs and 2/3 of the program participants continued their running journey by participating in the local 261 Club activities.



#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Fiscal year: June 2022-May2023

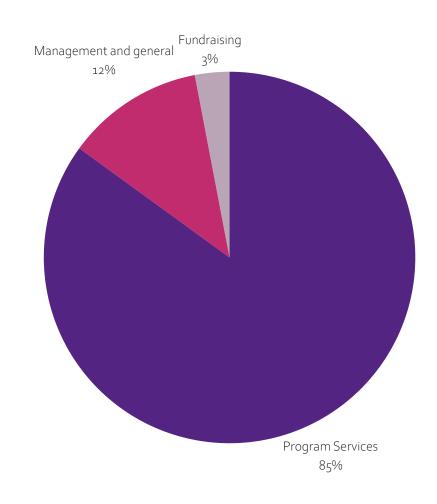
#### **REVENUES**

Total	\$537,497
Other income	\$34,313
Investment income	\$5,740
Program service revenue	\$4,748
Contributions	\$492,696

#### **EXPENSES**

Total	\$540.64
Fundraising	\$17,790
Management and general	\$63,846
Program services	\$459,012

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ -3,151 Net assets, Beginning of Year \$ 733,743 NET ASSETS END OF YEAR \$ 730,592



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