

July 11, 2016

Mr. Dave Comi
President
Erie Runners Club
P.O. Box 6
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Dear Mr. Comi,

On behalf of Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania, I would like to congratulate Erie Runners Club on being selected as our 2016 Organization of Distinction. Each year, we honor an organization that is well-known for its community support, including being a champion for girls and Girl Scouts.

We are honoring Erie Runners Club for its long-standing support of our organization through the Her Times 5K and the Lake Erie Duathlon, proceeds from which benefit GSWPA. Without the guidance of ERC, the Lake Erie Duathlon, a GSWPA signature event, wouldn't be possible. The expert help from your board and club members has enabled GSWPA to create a unique local event that helps raise funds for more girls to access the benefits of Girl Scouting.

Additionally, ERC has a long history of donating race proceeds to local charities, including other nonprofits that help women and girls. While I can't quote a total dollar amount to represent the club's generosity, the list of charities these races benefit gets longer every year.

By providing many opportunities for people to stay active and maintain healthy lifestyles and supporting local charities financially, ERC is truly emulating the Girl Scout promise to make the world a better place.

We hope you and your fellow Erie Runners Club leadership and members will be able to accept the award at our Awards of Distinction luncheon on Friday, August 26, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center. Please contact Anne Stokes, Events Manager at astokes@gswpa.org or 412-594-2210 to accept the award and for further details.

Congratulations again, and my sincere thanks for all you do to better our community.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Burkart
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania

cc: Dan Albaugh
Heather Cass

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