

# Meet Our 2018 MDSC Falmouth Road Race Team

On August 19th of this year 27 dedicated individuals will run for an important cause. MDSC is proud to honor our runners for supporting their loved ones and the Down syndrome community!

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**Lisa Adelman** has run 10 out of the last 11 Falmouth Road Races as part of Team MDSC for her son, Evan. Her family has been involved with the MDSC since Evan was born with Down syndrome almost 18 years ago. Lisa is heavily involved with the MDSC. She's looking forward to running and raising money this year for the organization she has a personal connection with. Lisa lives in Middleboro, MA.



**Emily Babon** is a Speech-Language Pathologist teacher at Lynnfield Public Schools for children with disabilities. Her relationship with the community comes from her passion for her work. "MDSC supports a cause that represents my profession, my passion, and my purpose!" Emily is excited to get involved with MDSC in the future. Emily lives in Boston MA.



**Jennifer Gazza** is running with Team MDSC for the third year in a row. Jennifer is running to honor her niece who has Down syndrome, Catherine. She describes Catherine as an inspiration to all after she spent the first three months of her life in the hospital recovering from major heart surgery. Jennifer is running to help raise awareness and lives in Revere, MA.



**Annie Gagne** is joining Team MDSC for the third year in a row in this year's Falmouth Road Race. She is running with Jenny Gazza for their niece, Catherine, who has Down syndrome. Annie loves running with MDSC because it brings awareness to an amazing cause. Annie lives in Walpole, MA.



**Jenny Blounts** is also running for the third time with Team MDSC. Jennifer first became involved with the MDSC when her three-year-old daughter, Hazel was diagnosed with Down syndrome. She's running to support MDSC so they can be there for Hazel in the future and to educate people about individuals with Down syndrome. The Falmouth Road Race has become her favorite annual tradition. Jenny lives in Stow, MA.



**Taiese Hickman** is running with Team MDSC for the second time. She is running to honor her son, London, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome at 13 months. Taiese describes London as a fun, smart, and loving little boy. She hopes to raise awareness so people may appreciate and accept children with disabilities. Taiese lives in Norfolk, MA.



**Beth LeFleur** is joining Team MDSC for a third year and is running to help raise awareness for individuals with Down syndrome. She looks forward to becoming more involved with the MDSC every year she can. Beth lives in Norfolk, MA.



**David Granfors & Robyn Granfors** are a couple running for their daughter Claire. We are happy to have them for their 7th year straight running for team MDSC! David and Robyn have raised over \$25,000 in the past 6 years. David and Robyn live in Holliston, MA.



**Nick, Amy, Ryan, and Kendall Graves** are a family that loves to get involved with MDSC, as they have done both the FRR and the Buddy Walks in the past. The Graves are running for their nephew Sam. Their team name is "Running for our Homie With and Extra Chromie". The Graves are from Reading, MA.



**Timothy Kadehjian** is running for his daughter Catherine. This is Tim's first race with Team MDSC and he's running because he wants to thank MDSC for all the support they provide families with such as his own. Tim lives in Walpole, MA



**Angelo, Samantha, & Marie Russo** are another family team running for MDSC. Running in support of programs that help individuals with Down syndrome. Samantha is running again for her brother Nicholas she's also a volunteer and member of MDSC. Marie is also running again for her late aunt. They are all running to promote the inclusion and acceptance of everyone with Down syndrome. Their family lives in Everett, MA.



**Martin Lewis** is running for his brother Ian, who happens to have Down syndrome. Martin says he wants to help support the MDSC because of the supports they provide for people with Down syndrome. This is Martin's second time running on Team MDSC. He lives in Boston, MA.



**Carolyn Ludwig** will be running for the fourth time with Team MDSC this year. She is running to honor her niece, Paige, who has Down syndrome. She says the MDSC has been instrumental in providing information and support to her family. Caroline lives in Barre, MA.



**Maggie Gaughan, Allie Burdulis, Alexandra Lee & Jane Stilwell** are a team of young friends running with Team MDSC in honor of Maggie's sister, Christina, who has Down syndrome. Team "JAAM'n" are looking forward to participating in more events and bringing awareness to Down syndrome. Maggie, Allie, Alexandra and Jane live in Hopkinton, MA.



**Wynne Meyer** is running for the first time with Team MDSC in support of her niece Phoebe. Wynne says Phoebe brings joy and love to everyone she encounters. She looks forward to raise awareness to those with Down syndrome. Wynne lives in Concord, MA.

