







#### 2009 Race Summary

- The very first Citrus Heritage Run was on October 6, 2009 and started in the middle of Dufferin Ave as part of the Smart Riverside fund raising weekend. You may remember back then, there was a bike ride, the RUN and a golf tournament all rolled together.
- In 2009 there was a total of 207 runners in the event.
- 134 in the 5K.
- 73 runners in the 10K,
- With every runner from Southern CA and nearly 95% from the Inland Empire

## 2010 Galleria at Tyler

- The next year the race moved to the Galleria at Tyler to attract a larger crowd.
- The number of runners increased along with the headaches of putting on the race.
- Traffic Control
- Train crossing
- · Dealing with residents and local businesses
- Smart Riverside asked if the Riverside Road Runners would like to take over the race. Nobody said runners were smart, so we said "sure we will take this event over".

## 2012 to 201 State Race Summary

- The race moved to the new Arlington Height Sport Park in January 2012 where it has been run for the last 8 years.
- The course has changed from an all street road race to an off-road trail run through the State Citrus park over looking the historical area of Riverside. And has become one of the for most scenic course in all California
- We played around with the distances over the years. Including a kids fun run, half marathon, and the only two full marathon in Riverside's history

## 2012 to 2019 State Race Summary

- Increase our runners from the 200 in 2009 to nearly 2,000 runners a decade later. Complete sold out in 2019
- Most of our runners are still from southern CA, our runners now come from out of State
- We had runners from the nearby states like Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah
- Then we had some from as far away as Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Hawaii, Minnesota, Connecticut.
- With international runners from Japan, New Zealand, Canada, and Italy

#### 2012 to 2019

- Nearly \$15K in scholarships to our local high school senior
- Nearly \$20K in free running shoes to local high student and elementary kids for their 100 mile club

# 2018 Changes

- · And all of this... is possible only with the combined support of our
- club members.
- Numerous volunteers and dedicated high school students.
- · The City's Park and Rec department
- · Riverside PD for helping us with traffic control and keeping everyone safe
- And specially our city council and mayor.

And this year, with the race being in  $10^{th}$  year, I though it only fitting give a special thanks to Chris McArthur. I know this is his last year as a city councilmen and without his help, none of this would be possible.

Chris is the first person I call if I have a concern with our neighbors, or need an contact a local business owner. The first person I call if I need a speaker to start the race. Basically the person I call if I have any questions ..... And with that I just wanted to thank him for all his year of service and all the help with making this the Cirtus Heritage Run the race it is today.