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DINOMIGHTS UPDATE

MARCH 2024

volunteers needed

LEARN 2 SKATE

registration open

BILLY LINDSAY RUN

10 years on staff

PAOLA FUENTES

keeping kids
ENGAGED
Year-Round



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GREG CARROLL

LEARN 2 SKATE

The program is named for Greg Carroll, a DinoMights volunteer who passed away in 2007. Greg believed every kid should have a great first experience with skating.

Every year during the spring, DinoMights brings in kids ages seven and eight from Minneapolis and St. Paul to teach them how to ice skate. During this seven week program we teach kids the basics of skating in a very inclusive and encouraging environment.

Skating for the first time, which is the case for most kids we serve can be a very anxious task. With the help of our DinoMight staff and our amazing volunteers we help minimize any self doubts about stepping into an unfamiliar world for these kids. We get to see their smiles and confidence grow throughout the course of the program, and be apart of many unforgettable and important moments that these kids can share and experience for the rest of their lives.

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VOLUNTEER LINK

<https://signup.com/go/rCYhrrY>



PRESENTING SPONSOR



When I see people that support DinoMights, I can't say how much that means to me and the team. When our supporters came to run the race with me, I said to myself that I was not going to give up on running until I reach the end of it!

BILLY RUN LINDSAY

The run/walk is named after Dr. William Lindsay, renowned heart surgeon, friend and coach to many. Dr. Lindsay, a.k.a. Billy Lindsay, was motivated by a powerful mentor to pursue his dreams, and we've now named our Outdoor Rink and Run/Walk in his honor. He grew up at the playground and found mentors in his sports coaches. His story embodies so much of who we are at DinoMights. We will be using funds from the run to support programming and honor Billy Lindsay's legacy. We are honored to welcome TRIA as the Presenting Sponsor. We are also proud to welcome the Minnesota Wild as supporters of the run.

At DinoMights we build long-term relationships with inner-city youth to provide the support every child needs to grow into a self-assured, competent adult. Your participation says you care about Dino youth and our program. Your support through participation is critical to the ongoing success of the DinoMights. THANK YOU!

2024 will have chip timing, great prizes, and more runners. Thank you to everyone that joined us in 2023. We raised over \$60,000! We can't wait to make this an even bigger event in 2024 by raising our goal of \$84,000!

<https://p2p.onecause.com/billylindsayrun/home>

Winning first place wasn't in my thoughts during the Billy Lindsay race but it feels good knowing that I won first place in my age group

- Raul Ramirez Guzman





Paola's presence on DinoMights staff for the last 10 years has been so essential and significant for the organization. As an alum who grew up in the program and knows how much of an impact DinoMights can make in your own community, I know how important it is to see a woman of color, like Paola, as the face of an organization like DinoMights. Paola's leadership and dedication to making a difference in inner city youth and her community is so special to see. DinoMights has been more than lucky to have Paola on staff for the past decade.

- Lyna Saengsourichanh

10 YEARS ON STAFF!

PAOLA FUENTES

EMPOWERING WOMAN WITHIN
AT DINOMIGHTS

THANK

"I am delighted to celebrate a decade of dedication to DinoMights from Paola -- this is a huge milestone! She has had a tremendous impact on our team and the organization as a whole over the past decade. Paola has been a source of inspiration and a driving force behind many of our successes. As an alumna of DinoMights she has also been an invaluable mentor to not just our students, but me! The genuine care and support she extends to everyone at DinoMights helps us succeed, and have fun doing it. Congratulations Paola!"

- Emily Rees

INSPIRATIONAL

Paola is nothing short of a leader here at DinoMights. She has inspired many students on and off the ice, and continues to be that person students can reach out to in need of life advice or even a quick laugh. Watching Paola transition from coaching kids within the program to becoming a mother of two has been an amazing thing to watch. To give you a better perspective of what I'm saying, it would be an understatement to say her kids are lucky to have such a strong and supportive mother.

- Josh Huisken

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