

Reagan Run

The Reagan Run began in 2000 as a Dixon Main Street event with major sponsors of the Telegraph and KSB Hospital. The Dixon Athletic Boosters provided the on-course volunteers for the 315 entrants. The objective was to provide a healthy, family oriented running event since there was no longer a running event in the community.

When you fast forward to 2016 the Reagan Run Committee sponsored the 17th Annual Reagan Run with those same major sponsors, Telegraph and KSB Hospital, and wide support from community businesses and participants. The 2016 major sponsors were:

- Telegraph
- KSB Hospital
- Dixon YMCA
- Ace Hardware
- Ken Nelson Auto Group
- CliftonLarsonAllen
- Chris Hammitt State Farm
- IRA - Industrial Repair Assistance
- Subway
- WPF – Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA
- Bonnell Truck Equipment
- Culver's
- Slain Construction
- Community State Bank
- Dixon Ford
- Sauk Valley Bank
- Dixon Autobody Clinic
- Edward Jones
- Mama Cimino's
- Supreme Cleaners
- Hicks Insurance
- Sauk Valley Physical Therapy
- Pest Control Consultants
- Invenergy
- Ag Perspective, Inc.
- Breedlove's Automotive
- Boss Carpet One
- Don Knight's Electric, LLC
- McDonald's
- IMT Insurance
- Clevenger's – Beauty School
- Anne's Garden Center
- Dixon Petunia Festival

Also lending support are the following:

- Dixon Food Center
- City of Dixon
- Advance EMS
- RC Trophies
- 3-D Sound
- Republic Services
- Oliver's Food Pride
- River Country101.7/WIXN AM 1460
- United Suppliers
- Grot Imaging Studio
- Massage Therapists
- Wal-Mart & Wal-Mart Distribution
- Bay Valley Foods
- Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
- Blackhawk Insurance
- S & D Construction
- Dixon Park District
- Dixon Main Street
- Dixon Police Department
- Dixon Fire Department
- Dixon Traffic Maintenance Dept.
- River City Race Management
- Dixon Athletic Boosters
- Dixon Kiwanis Morning Club
- Destinations Travel Services
- Snyder's
- Hogenson Construction
- Crawford Realty
- Wipfli
- Paul Katner
- Huffy's
- Russ' Repair
- Farley's Appliance
- Arch Vending
- Sauk Valley Properties
- Shamrock
- G & M Distributors
- J. Salon
- Raynor's
- Holland & Sons
- Rayovac
- Wolber's
- Napa Auto Parts
- Illinois National Guard
- Culligan's
- US Bank
- Rock River Endodontics
- Stewart Heating

Due to this tremendous support the entry fees have remained the same (\$20 early entry fee) since 2009 and the participants are provided a high-quality, wicking shirt as well as post-race refreshments.

The committee started gearing up in January and as a result of the actions of a lot of volunteers and support of their generous sponsors puts on one of the finest and most unique road races in Northern Illinois. The participation has increased over time do to the fact that it is a well-run race, has an unconventional course and is a bargain compared to entry fees for other area races.

The 2016 event had over 1,754 entrants and 1,619 runners and walkers who crossed the finish line. The 17 Reagan Runs have had 16,054 finishers while the number of wonderful sponsors has grown, as well as in-kind partnerships. The not-for-profit, volunteer Reagan Run Committee has given \$210,939 back to the community and \$37,063 in July of 2016 to the following organizations:

- Dixon Main Street
- Dixon Athletic Boosters
- Dixon Park District (Used \$ to recently resurface the Lowell Parkway Trail -“Bike Path”)
- Dixon YMCA
- Dixon Police Association
- Reagan Boyhood Home
- City of Dixon (Reimbursement for overtime costs incurred for the event)
- Dixon Firefighters Charitable Association
- Dixon High School Athletic Department
- **\$500 Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors** (2 in 2015, 4 in 2016 and there will be **6 scholarships awarded in 2017**)