

Southport RUNway Continues to Support Local Community Initiatives in 2026

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Making a Positive Difference

Southport Aerospace (a non-profit property management and development company) has been a strong supporter of the Community Foundation of Portage & District (CFPD), through the establishment of their undesignated Southport Fund; sponsoring marketing materials and special events; and by holding fundraisers such as the Southport RUNway (formerly known as the Fun Run).



Last year's RUNway saw over 100 participants take part, and raised over \$7000 for CFPD. They are hoping even more register and donate this year, which will result in even more support for local community initiatives through CFPD's bi-annual Community Grants Program. In the words of Southport's Race Director, Nathan Coates, "The Southport RUNway was created to bring people together through an active, inclusive community event

while showcasing the unique experience Southport offers. We are proud to support CFPD through this event and contribute to initiatives that make a positive difference in our community. Each year, we look forward to welcoming participants who come together to challenge themselves, enjoy the experience, and create memories with friends, family, and the community. We are excited to build on the momentum from last year and make the 2026 event another memorable experience for everyone".

RUNway Support Translates to Real Local Impact

In 2026, CFPD will disburse \$425,000 into Portage la Prairie and surrounding areas through bi-annual Community Grants. Through the Southport Fund alone—into which the proceeds from the RUNway flow—\$4,019 is available for granting this year. Since the Fund's inception in 2015, over \$20,000 has been invested into our community—support that continues to make a meaningful difference, by helping numerous non-profit organizations run a wide variety of important programs for the clients they serve.

A Unique Running Experience

The Southport RUNway is a fun charity run, with 5-km and 10-km options, in addition to a 1-km kids' race. The race routes take runners airside along the apron of Southport CYPG, allowing a unique, one-of-a-kind running experience and an opportunity to explore the

Southport Community (a former Canadian Forces Base) on foot. The RUNway will be held Saturday, September 12, 2026, with registration between 7:00 and 7:45 am, adult races beginning at 8:00 am, and the kids' race at 10:00 am. This is a great opportunity for people to not only support their local community, but to perhaps achieve a personal fitness goal—all while having fun and exploring a new place!

Become Involved—Help Southport Lift our Community!

To register for the RUNway, visit <https://ow.ly/S4FC50Ziilz>—the 10-km run is \$40, the 5-km run is \$30, and the kids' 1-km run is free! If you can't participate in the run, but you want to contribute to the Southport Fund and make a difference in your community, visit www.cfpdi.ca and select the Southport Fund from the drop-down after hitting the "Donate Now" button.



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