San Ramon, Calif., January 17, 2020 – Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and Girls on the Run Greater Houston (GOTRGH) announce a three-year partnership designed to help girls in Houston unlock their power and limitless potential through Girls on the Run’s proven curriculum. Chevron and GOTRGH acknowledge the importance of empowering and teaching Social Emotional Learning and leadership skills to girls. With Chevron’s support, GOTRGH council will offer scholarship benefits to over 700 girls and provide access to summer educational programming through Camp GOTR.

According to Girls on the Run International, girls’ self-confidence begins to drop by the age of nine, 50 percent of girls ages 10-13 experience bullying, and physical activity levels decrease at age ten and continue to drop throughout adolescence. Using fun, experience-based curriculum, GOTR creatively integrates running into a ten-week program teaching critical life skills and strategies girls can apply to all aspects of their lives.

Kimberly McHugh, vice president of Drilling & Completions at Chevron and GOTRGH board member, is passionate about supporting future leaders. “Chevron is investing in Houston and fueling the communities we call home. We support today’s youth through STEM programming, mentoring and by partnering with organizations like Girls on the Run, who inspire future leaders to achieve their goals.”

Girls on the Run Greater Houston impacts the lives of 2,000 girls in the Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties each year. Through the help of generous sponsors like Chevron and individual donors, scholarships are provided to over 65 percent of program participants. With the help of Chevron, GOTRGH looks forward to continuing to grow and inspire more girls to be joyful, healthy and confident.

“This is a true game changer for our organization. With the support of Chevron, we will be able to meet our strategic goal of serving 5,000 girls annually by 2023. Chevron and Girls on the Run share common values and together we will ensure every girl in Houston knows and is able to activate her limitless potential,” said Mary T Callahan, executive director of GOTRGH.
About Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is a national physical activity-based positive youth development program for 3rd-8th grade girls. Participants develop and improve competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and oneself with care, create positive connections with peers and adults and make a meaningful contribution to community and society. Each session is led by trained volunteer coaches that guide and mentor the girls. The ten-week program concludes with all participants completing a celebratory 5k event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Girls on the Run Greater Houston has served over 14,000 since 2001.

Girls on the Run was recently included in a guide of Top Research-Based Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Programs by a Harvard University/Wallace Foundation study, as well as recognized as one of the National Afterschool Association’s 2017 Most Influential in Health and Wellness after school programs.

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