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County Executive Neuhaus presents Girls on the Run Executive Director/Co-Founder Kim Quimby of Cornwall with first Citizen of the Month Award

Quimby helped bring GOTR to Orange County five years ago and it has steadily grown in popularity, empowering girls throughout the mid-Hudson

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus acknowledged Girls on the Run (GOTR) Hudson Valley Executive Director and Co-Founder Kim Quimby as the first recipient of his Citizen of the Month Award on Wednesday at Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School.

Neuhaus and Quimby were joined at the presentation by Cornwall-on-Hudson students who participate in GOTR. GOTR is a non-profit program for girls in third through eighth grades that encourages them to be healthy and confident through an experienced-based curriculum that integrates running.

“Kim has done a tremendous job with Girls on the Run, serving as a role model for hundreds of young women throughout Orange County and helping to empower them to do wonderful things,” Neuhaus said. “Her selfless work has also had a positive impact on the families involved which helps our communities. Kim cares deeply about Girls on the Run and her hard work has helped make it a great success.”

Quimby formed a Hudson Valley chapter of Girls on the Run with Michelle Rider of Newburgh in 2012. Quimby was inspired to act when she heard her then seven-year-old daughter complain that she was not pretty. Quimby wanted her daughter

other young girls to feel good about themselves and GOTR Hudson Valley was born. It began with teams in Cornwall and Newburgh with 20 participants.

Since 2012, approximately 5,000 girls have participated in the program. The Hudson Valley chapter is comprised of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester counties. Nearly every school district in Orange County has participated in GOTR and Quimby expects 1,000 girls to compete during the spring season.

After volunteering for three years, Quimby accepted a full-time position with GOTR in 2015. She previously worked as a corporate communications consultant for leading consumer brands for 20 years. Quimby lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson with her husband, Drew, and daughters, Kaitlyn, 13, and Keira, 9.

“Working for Girls on the Run gives me joy in the hope that my daughter and girls like her recognize their limitless potential, while acknowledging their responsibility to give back and positively influence others in the community,” Quimby said. “I am very proud to receive this recognition from County Executive Neuhaus. Mr. Neuhaus is committed to the residents of Orange County. Being recognized for the work that I’m doing with Girls on the Run will help further our mission and truly make an impact on the lives of the girls we serve.”

GOTR was established by Molly Barker in 1996 in Charlotte, N.C. With the help of approximately 55,000 volunteers, including coaches, GOTR now includes more than 130,000 girls in 200-plus school districts. The Girls on the Run program encourages positive emotional, social, mental and physical development, culminating with an untimed 5K (3.1 miles) to end the season.

GOTR Hudson Valley will celebrate its five-year anniversary, finishing the spring season with a 5K race at New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson on June 17.

Neuhaus introduced his Citizen of the Month Award, which will acknowledge outstanding Orange County residents, last month. To nominate someone for the Citizen of the Month Award, please email ceoffice@orangecountygov.com or mail a letter to “Citizen of the Month” at 255-275 Main Street Goshen, N.Y. 10924. Be sure to include the nominee’s name, hometown, a list of their accomplishments,

why you are nominating them and any other pertinent information. Nominees must be from Orange County.

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Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and Girls on the Run (GOTR) Hudson Valley Executive Director and Co-Founder Kim Quimby pose with GOTR participants in front of Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School



Neuhaus hands Quimby her Citizen of the Month award.