Title: COLOR RUN FOR RILEY  
Issue/Focus: Civic Participation  
Health/Wellness

Using the Learning to Give lesson Creating a Passion for Philanthropy, the South Spencer High School (in Rockport, IN) Student Council members planned and implemented a service-learning project/fundraiser called Color Run for Riley Children's Foundation. Shelly Aull, Student Council adviser, shared that the students chose this philanthropy event after exploring their passion. Many had worked with the school’s Key Club on Riley service projects before and wanted to expand that to Student Council. This discussion led to the student buy-in and planning process for a Color Run based upon their passion for Riley Hospital for Children! The chairperson met with the mayor, city council members, and school administrators to discuss the event. The students approached local businesses themselves to solicit sponsorship and shared information about the event on social media. They invited all students and families in the school corporation as well as community members to a park in downtown Rockport. The 3K Run/Walk involved three stations where Student Council members sprayed colored powder on the participants. The Color Run was a fun event to raise awareness and funds for Riley Children's Foundation. The students learned about budget, funding, and philanthropy as well as the requirements for planning a large-scale community event. “I'm extremely proud of them!” stated Aull. “This is something that hasn't been done here before and is a huge endeavor.” Congratulations to the Student Council of South Spencer High School for raising $1,441.99 for the Riley Children’s Foundation!

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