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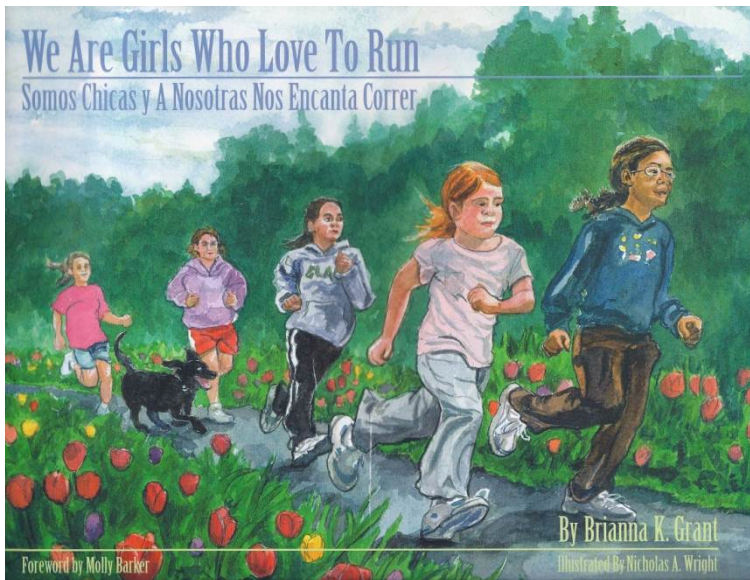
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HCHS Graduate Writes Bilingual Book for Girls of All Ages



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Brianna K. Grant, a 1996 Houston County High School graduate, donated her book, *We Are Girls Who Love To Run*, to every elementary school in Houston County. An award-winning bilingual picture book for girls of all ages, the book was published in 2008.

Grant donated her book to help build the bilingual book collection in her former school district. In a letter she wrote, “Our world is filled with negativity, quick fixes and staggering obesity rates. Girls need a beacon of hope and encouragement! *We Are Girls Who Love To Run* is the antidote to the unattainable Hollywood image that leads to girls feeling that they aren’t

good enough. It also encourages girls to start and maintain the habit of physical activity so they can stick with it as they get older.”

The book won a medal in the Moonbeam Children’s Book Award Mind/Body/Spirit category. According to Deena Kastor, Olympic Medalist and American Record Holder, “*We Are Girls Who Love to Run* is vibrant, passionate and infectious. Brianna Grant has shared with us a great gift and now we should pass it on to others.”

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