

4TH ANNUAL "BRENDAN'S HOME RUN™" KEEPS THE PACE

This Year's 2005 Father's Day Event Again a Great Success



BELMONT, MA (June 2005). The Brendan Grant Foundation once again proved that it *can* go the distance in its fourth annual 5K race/walk - "Brendan's Home Run™". The event, held on Father's Day, Sunday June 19th, was a great success and raised over \$20,000 to benefit charities supported by the Foundation, including The Brendan Grant Scholarship Fund.



This year's event had 368 runners and 468 walkers, for a total of 836 runner/walker participants. With almost 100 volunteers and about half as many children involved in the kids race (i.e., kids race participants did not need to formally register), there was close to 1,000 people involved.



The best overall time was claimed for the third year in a row by Dan Vassallo of Wilmington, MA at 16:19.7 and set a new overall course record. The fastest female winner was Karen Monks of Belmont, MA with a time of 19:16.7, which is also a new course record in the women's division. Other records likewise fell with cool running weather, as shown by the top three fastest female racers all breaking the old course record.



After the walkers and runners got underway, kids aged 12 and under got a chance to flex their competitive muscles. Two groups of children, 10 to 12 and 9-and-under, raced on the new oval track. Every child wore #1 (Brendan's baseball uniform number while at BHS) and received a ribbon for participating.



The Presenting Sponsor for the event was Belmont Savings Bank, and additional Support was provided by Hammond/Natoli Realty, Belmont Wheelworks & Champion Sporting Goods. Numerous organizations and individuals provided all types of great raffle prizes and in-kind donations.



Once again the weather cooperated, and this year's race/walk resulted in a great day with many smiles from everyone in attendance. This has become a great community Father's Day event, and we're already excited for next year... We look forward to seeing you on Father's Day 2006!

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