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Area Runners Race to Wenonah for Holiday Run to Benefit Local Charities



Runners participate in the Wenonah Turkey Trot 5K

Wenonah, NJ (December 03, 2015) – Over 100 participants chose to give back this ‘Black Friday’ by “Runnin’ off the Stuffin’” from Thanksgiving to benefit local charities. The Wenonah Turkey Trot 5K and Drumstick Dash 1-mile Walk/Run, co-sponsored by The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey (CHSoF NJ) and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah, raised awareness and critical funds for the at-risk children and families of New Jersey and the Church’s food pantry. The two partner charities have a relationship that stretches back over 100 years, as the church and its congregation began supporting CHSoF NJ’s annual Thanksgiving food drive in 1903.

Friends from the area generously supported the event; corporate sponsors included EP Henry, Think Pavers, Olive Branch Support Services, Red Nucleus, Rock Products, and Zeisloft Trucking.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, runners were asked to bring a donation of canned goods to help stock the shelves of the Wenonah Food Pantry. Participants took home official Turkey Trot t-shirts, and many enthusiastic runners donned turkey hats and other festive attire, which added to the fun and ensured plenty of smiles along the course.

Organized by Jennifer Pizi of the CHSofNJ Board of Trustees and Doug Rose and Pastor Keith Reed of Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah, the race stretched through the scenic streets of Wenonah and into neighboring Deptford. Information and activities tables were hosted by CHSofNJ and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah community partners including The American Legion Post 192, The Wenonah Environmental Commission, The Woman's Club of Wenonah, and the Wenonah Branch Office of Wells Fargo Bank.

"We were so pleased by the response to this race," said Jennifer Pizi. "Every time new signs or flyers popped up around town, the excitement grew." Pizi continued, "Truly, the best part was seeing the community come out and work together to help those in need. People bought turkey hats, food donations kept coming in as runners registered, everyone was laughing and smiling, and it all came together perfectly. We are already excited for next year!"

The Wenonah Turkey Trot was so well-received that organizers and participants are hopeful it will become an annual 'Black Friday' event in the town. To view photos from the event or to learn how you can support next year's run, visit www.chsofnj.org or www.wenonahpc.org.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by ensuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah

The Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah was built in 1903 as a place for people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey. The church is dedicated to experiencing God in life, growing as disciples of Jesus Christ, building a caring community, and serving the needs of others.

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