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RE: RUN OVER CANCER 5K Results
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NEWTOWN, PA – The Newtown Middle School and bright blue skies were the scene for the First Annual Run Over Cancer 5K run on Saturday July 4th in Newtown, PA. Over 130 runners and walkers gathered to take on the 3.1 mile course that wound its way through Tyler State Park and the grounds of Council Rock North High School and the Newtown Middle School. The run was organized by Fund A Cure for Pancreatic Cancer, a non-profit advocacy group founded by Rob Ciervo and Gail Ciervo Szigeti, both former runners for Council Rock High School, who lost their father Louis J. Ciervo, Jr. to pancreatic cancer on July 1, 2008. The Run Over Cancer 5K was the first event in Newtowns' First Fourth celebration.

Finishing the course in first was former Council Rock cross-country standout Shawn McElhaugh from Richboro, PA at 16:59. Second in the men's category was Bill Schultz at 17:36 and third was Mark Curtis at 19:45. Amy Keitz from Ambler, PA was the first female finisher at 20:30 and Mary Tomich was second for the women at 20:41. Third in the female category was 14 year old Patricia Hoffman at 21:38. McElhaugh and Keitz both received a \$50 gift certificate from The Temperance House restaurant in Newtown.

Over \$15,000 was raised through corporate donations, online fundraising and race registrations for Fund A Cure for Pancreatic Cancer, a non-profit advocacy group dedicated to raising awareness about pancreatic cancer and advocating for increased federal funding for life saving research. Pancreatic Cancer is one of the deadliest cancers with only a 5% five year survival rate and it claims twice as many U.S. lives as HIV/AIDS each year and almost as many as breast cancer. It is the most underfunded disease by the federal government with only a \$73 million yearly appropriation for research and the development of early detection screening techniques.

Runner Sabrina Maurer from Doylestown, PA won the prize for participant to raise the most amount of money through online donations at \$1630. Dianna McNamee was second at \$1540.

Corporate partners and sponsors included Newtowns' First Fourth Committee, Mainline Metals, Jefferson Hospital, Newtown Athletic Center, Bethman's Auto Service, and Edge Product Development and in kind donations were made by First National Bank of Newtown, Newtown Rental Center, Wawa, Giant Foods, The Temperance House, Jules Thin Crust Pizza, Party City, Bennick and Company and Einstein Bagels.

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