



Hillsborough Family YMCA hosts Hop 5K

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HILLSBOROUGH -- Partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures were a welcome start to the 11th annual Hillsborough Hop 5K. Close to 500 runners and walkers participated this year with Hillsborough's Mayor Gloria McCauley sounding the starting horn to begin the race.

The 3.1 mile race began at South Branch and East Mountain Roads and ended at the Municipal Complex. Awards were then presented to the top finishers at the Hillsborough Family YMCA by Somerset Valley YMCA Board Member and Hop Race Director, Andrea Thorne and Hillsborough Branch Exec., Valerie Giacobelli. For the second consecutive year, the overall winner of the race was Jordan Magath of Hillsborough, who broke the course record with a time of 15:35.59. Brian Crowley, also of Hillsborough, came in second for the second straight year with a time of 15:58.02 followed by Chris Mullaly of Hillsborough, with 17.14.51.

The female winner of the 5K race was Lara Shegoski of Belle Mead, with a time of 18:30.34. Lara also broke the course record. Branchburg resident, Tara Zimliki came in second with a time of 19:28.02. Tara also took first place honors in 2010 and 2006 and came in second place in 2007. The third place finisher was Lyndsay Mcmeen of Morristown, NJ with a time of 20:06.63.

The Parent/Child winners were Father-Son, Brian and Brendan Crowley of Hillsborough with a 15:58 and 18:25 for a total score of 34:23. This was the second year the Crowleys took first place in the Father-Son category. The Father-Daughter winners were Jon and Holly Christensen of Whitehouse Station with 24:25 and 21:33 for a total of 45:59. The Mother-Son team of Jordan and Hillary Magath took first place honors with scores of 15:35 and 25:09 for a total of 40:45. The Mother-Daughter team of Stephanie and Cynthia Mauer scored 22:18 and 27:34 for a combined score of 49:53.

First place Somerset Valley YMCA male employee was Peter Levin of Bridgewater finishing with 20:38.21. The first place female employee was Meredith Taghon of Hillsborough with a 23:53.80.

The Hillsborough Family YMCA would like to thank our Community Sponsor: Somerset Medical Center and Presenting Sponsor: Hillsborough Podiatry for their continued support.

We are grateful for the support of our Gold Level Sponsors: College Hunks Hauling Junk; Family Foot & Ankle Specialists; Fleetwood Kitchens; Foothill Acres; Miller, Robertson and Rodgers and Vernoia, Enterline & Brewer, CPA.

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In the “Friend of the Hillsborough Hop” category, we appreciate the support of Mountain View Dental, Princeton Automobile Company and Sports Physical Therapy.

We could not hold this event without the many individuals, businesses and organizations for donating their time, goods and/or services. Thank you to America’s Florist, Bagel Bistro, Courier News, Hillsborough Massage Therapy, Philly Pretzel Factory, Rita’s of Hillsborough, Smoothie King, Super Sundaes Ice Cream of Hillsborough and Wegman’s of Bridgewater.

Proceeds from the Hillsborough Hop help fund the Y’s Strong Kids Fund. Last year, the Somerset Valley YMCA provided over \$659,000 to children, families and seniors that needed Y services but could not afford them. This program has helped a number of children attend summer camp, and receive swim lessons and childcare.

Plan now to attend the 12th annual Hillsborough Hop on Saturday, June 2, 2012. On-line registration will begin on January 1, 2012 at www.active.com . View all the race results at www.compuscore.com.

The Hillsborough Family YMCA is a branch of the Somerset Valley YMCA. Visit www.ymcasomersetvalley.org to discover what the Y has to offer.