

Philadelphia Bar Charity Run Raises More Than \$100,000

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There is nothing so perfect for runners as a temperature of 55 degrees on the morning of a race. That is the way it was on the morning of May 21 at the start of the 38th annual Philadelphia Bar Association 5K Charity Run/Walk to benefit the Support Center for Child Advocates that took place at the Please Touch Museum in Fairmount Park. The race, as of race day, had raised more than \$100,000 for the Support Center for Child Advocates.

The male winner of the open competition was Joshua Hibbs, finishing in a time of 15:41. Hibbs is a seventh-grade social studies teacher and works with the Philadelphia Middle School team, which was part of the Students Run Philly Style group that participated in the race. Faye Hellman, an attorney at PRA Health Sciences in Blue Bell, swept the female open competition and the bar association competition with a winning time of 18:49. This is the third year in a row that Faye won both the open and bar association competitions. The male winner of the bar association competition, which is solely for members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, was Mark Burgmann, age 29 of Philadelphia, who is with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Burgmann's finishing time was 16:56.

The legal team competition was won by Cozen O'Connor and the company team competition was won by the Association of Corporate Counsel of Greater Philadelphia.

This year's race was dedicated to the memory of Stephen J. Anderer and was supported by his wife, Susan Anderer, and Friends of Stephen J. Anderer. Stephen Anderer had been, until his untimely passing last year, an avid supporter of this event and the Support Center for Child Advocates and a beloved figure in the Philadelphia legal community.

More than 1,300 individuals participated in the run, which included a kids dash for children 10 and under, sponsored by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, which was organized and directed by firm partner Marc Tepper. In addition, the race welcomed almost 600 students from Students Run Philly Style, a group that focuses on helping Philadelphia students, ages 12 to 18, realize their capacity for success through mentorship and distance running.

The race started out very quickly as Hibbs went directly to the front of the pack, followed by Burgmann and Josh White. By one-half mile, the three 29-year-old runners, Hibbs, Burgmann and White, all of Philadelphia, were running abreast of each other. Hibbs started breaking away from Burgmann and White and by one mile was seven seconds ahead of Burgmann as he passed the mile in a very quick 4:56. White was closely following Burgmann. The next three runners through the one-mile point were Christifer Portner, followed by Will McEnroe and Dan Thames, of Friends of Stephen J. Anderer.

In the women's competition, Hellman immediately went to the front of the pack and arrived at the one-mile point in 6:02. Hellman was followed by Rebecca Scardelletti, age 23 of Philadelphia, and Liz Coda, age 26 of Philadelphia. At the one-mile point, Megan Feehan, age 33 of the Cozen O'Connor team, was fourth in a time of 6:31, followed by Jen Heagy, 34; Jen McEntee, age 36; and Jill Cantor-Burns, age 36.

Hibbs continued to widen his lead through the finish and finished in a chip time of 15:41, followed by White, who finished second in 16:35, and Burgmann who finished third in a time of 16:56. McEnroe, age 33 of Dechert, finished fourth overall in a time of 18:01 and finished second in the bar association competition. Hellman passed the finish line in 18:49, a second slower than her record time last year for women, followed by Scardelletti, who finished in 20:27, followed by Feehan, in 20:40; Coda, in 20:59; Heagy, in 21:13; Karina Robarge, in 21:46; and Cantor-Burns, in 21:52.

A very surprising finisher was 10-year-old Jakob Riz, who finished in an amazing time of 21:26. He finished first among males 13 and under.

In the legal team competition, Cozen O'Connor finished first led by the first-place finishes of Elliott Feldman among men 60-69 and Feehan among women 30-39. Both Chris Carroll and Joseph Tate had second-place finishes for the team in their respective age groups, giving the team of a score of four points, two points better than the second-place finisher, Pepper Hamilton. Pepper Hamilton had a first-place finish from Murray Levin among men 70-79, Joseph Sullivan finished second among men 60-69 and Kyle Dolinsky finished third among men 29 and under, giving the team six points and narrowly defeating third-place finisher Drinker Biddle & Reath. Drinker Biddle had a first-place finish from David Denious among men 50-59 and two third-place finishes from Richard Coe among men 40-49 and Kaitlin McKenzie-Fiumara, among women 30-39. Saul Ewing finished fourth with a first-place finish by Paul Malanowski among men 40-49, a second-place finish by Christina Riggs among women 30-39 and a fifth-place finish by Christopher Hall among men 50-59.

In the company team competition, the Association of Corporate Counsel Greater Philadelphia took first and second place with the first-place team receiving a perfect score of three thanks to the first-place finishes of Joseph Nullmeyer among men 30-39, Jenyce Woodruff among women 30-39 and Doria Sutton among women 40-49. ACC Greater Philadelphia's second-place team scored a total of four points with Kevin Dunleavy finishing first among men 40-49, Carrie Leslie finishing first among women 40-49 and two second-place finishes by Richard Pasquier among men 40-49 and Kim Jessum among women 40-49. The Legal Intelligencer tied for second place thanks to the two first-place finishes of Lizzy McLellan among women 20-29 and Leslie Greenfield among women 50-54. Conlan LaRouche received a second-place finish among men 20-29, giving The Legal a score of four points. Firsttrust Bank came in fourth with a score of five due to the first-place finish of Bradley Fisher among men 20-29, a second-place finish for Scott Cirella among men 50-59 and another second-place finish for Lee Caparas among men 40-49.

Among the individuals participating in the race were Deborah R. Gross, chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Mary Platt, the chancellor-elect; and former chancellor, Alan Feldman. This was Feldman's 38th time participating in this charity run. An award was given to the first chancellor team that was coordinated by Gross.

Some excellent finishing times were completed by members of the Philadelphia Bar Association not previously mentioned. The list starts off with Jerry Gornish, 79, who finished first among men 75-79, in a time of 27:35; Steve Sawyer, age 66, and Alan Feldman, age 66, finishing first and third, respectively, in males 65-69; Elliott Feldman of the Cozen O'Connor team who finished second among men 60-64 in 23:22; Kim Jessum who finished second among women 45-49 in a time of 23:42; and Kevin Dunleavy who finished second among men 40-44 in a time of 21:03.

The race, which is organized by the Philadelphia Bar Association, was sponsored this year by the following corporate-level sponsors: Firsttrust, Buchanan Ingersoll, Caesar Rivise, Friends of Stephen J. Anderer, Philadelphia Runner, Veritext, Robson Forensic, USI Affinity, Wawa, Exponent and The Legal.

In addition, to the corporate-level sponsors were the following law firm sponsors: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Anapol Weiss; Clark Hill; Cozen O'Connor; Dechert; DLA Piper; Drinker Biddle; Feldman Shepherd Wohlgeleirner Tanner Weinstock Dodig; Fox Rothschild; Momjian Anderer; Offit Kurman; Pepper Hamilton; Reilly, Janiczek, McDevitt, Henrich & Cholden; and Stevens & Lee/Griffin, as well as legal supporter Lundy Law Foundation.

Refreshments were provided by sponsors such as Wawa and Veritext along with Firsttrust, who provided fruit smoothies.

The race and the post-activities ran effortlessly, thanks to the tireless efforts of Eric Marzluf, co-director; Magdalena Lozada, team director; Marc Tepper, director of the kids dash; Catherine Galbally, Frank Cervone and Moira Mulrone of the Support Center for Child Advocates; Thomas Bell, former co-director and committee member; and race committee members Mike McCloskey, Wendi Platt and Michael Panna. A special thank you to the volunteers of the race who were under the direction of Marzluf.

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