

Chatham Turkey Trot raises more than \$27,500

900-plus runners turn out for the event, which benefits various local organizations

STAFF REPORT

CHATHAM - The Chatham Turkey Trot on Thursday raised more than \$27,500 and had nearly 950 runners, according to organizers, who said the event has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception eight years ago.

Money from past races has benefited the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department, the Diabetes Research Institute, the Chatham Emergency Squad and The Barton Center for Diabetes Education.

The winners of the 5K Turkey Trot this year were Stuart Hayes in the men's division, who finished in 17:11, and Julia Smith in the women's division, who finished in 21:16. In the under-13 category, Jake Fifer won the boy's division in 23:05 and Ashley Thomas won the girl's division in 23:19.

Winners in the One Mile Family Fun Run were Braiken Burke in the boy's division at 5:42 and Elody Burko in the girl's division at 5:48.

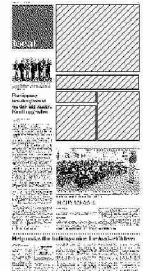




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Runners typically get creative for the annual Chatham Turkey Trot, which raises money for a variety of local organizations.



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The 8th annual Chatham Turkey Trot included a 5K race and a one mile fun run for kids.