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Hundreds run in Chathams on Thanksgiving to benefit first-responders, diabetes research

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NOVEMBER: Two runners dressed as turkeys were among the hundreds who took part in Trot the Manor in Chatham on Thanksgiving morning. More than 900 ran in the annual Turkey Trot in Chatham Township at the same time.

Photo by Michael Pacheco

THE CHATHAMS – Nearly 1,000 runners took part in the ninth annual [Chatham Turkey Trot](#) on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23 in Chatham Township.

The one-mile fun run and certified, timed 5K race raised more than \$27,000.

“This is a great community event that brings together people from around the Chathams and neighboring towns to give thanks for all that we have and to raise funds for organizations that do so much for others,” said Mayor Curt Ritter, who is president of the Chatham Turkey Trot.

Since its inception in 2009, the Turkey Trot has raised more than \$125,000 for the [Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department](#), [Diabetes Research Institute](#), [Chatham Emergency Squad](#) and the [Barton Center for Diabetes Education](#).

“We thank our runners, sponsors, the DPW, Fire Department, EMS and others who made this such a success!” Ritter said.



Alec Gironda won the 5K with a time of 17:53 while Sarah Abbott was the fastest woman, at 20:42.

In the younger than 13 category, Ryan Beegle was the fastest boy and Reilly Cross the fastest girl. For the fun run, Charlie Kulp won among boys and Nicki Grossman among girls.

A similar event, [Trot the Manor](#), in the borough drew 566 participants, organizers said. Proceeds were expected to be similar to last year, when the event contributed about \$5,000 to the [Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department](#).

Stuart Haynes of Chatham won the 5K with a time of 17:10.5. Abbie Bigham of Chatham was the fastest woman, with a time of

17:44.1. Winners of the fun run were Sam Poilucci, 13, for the girls and Kevin Grundy, 9, for the boys.