



Gloucester County Public Schools Educational Foundation

News Release

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Gloucester Educational Foundation raises more than \$21,000 for local public schools

More than 320 sign up, 50 volunteer, and 31 contribute to 3K walk, 8K run

Gloucester – The Gloucester County Public Schools Educational Foundation, along with Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Investment Group, raised more than \$21,000 for Gloucester schools at their 3K Walk and 8K Run on Feb. 18. More than 320 people signed up to walk or run, at least 50 volunteered, and countless others attended to support the event. More than 31 businesses and individuals contributed financially.

After race expenses, Educational Foundation member Beth Gibson said the Foundation netted about \$17,000. Gibson said, “We are so thankful to our generous community for their support of our event and our schools. Our sponsors, volunteers, participants, their family and friends, and so many more came out on a beautiful day to help us raise more than ever before,” said Gibson. “We are grateful to live and work in such a wonderful community.”

This event is the Educational Foundation’s only fundraiser, and all proceeds benefit Gloucester public schools, including the Teacher of the Year program, which recognizes outstanding performers, and school mini-grants, which help teachers offer more educational opportunities for students.

Race results

The race had some impressive results as well. The top three overall male 8K runners were Ryan Carroll, 34, of Portsmouth, who completed the course in 25:40, breaking his own 2016 course record of 26:31; Adam Otstot, 34, of Williamsburg, who finished in 25:50; and Tanner Baker, 14, of Gloucester, who finished in 29:15.

The top three overall female 8K runners were Karla Havens, 54, of Plainview, who finished in 37:42; Susan Hagel, 43, of Norfolk, who finished in 38:40; and Margaret Watkins, 47, of Gloucester, who finished in 39:20. Watkins is the physical education teacher at Petsworth Elementary.

The top male 3K walkers include George Fenigsohn of Poquoson; Matthew Nonnemacher of Hazelton, Pa.; and Dwight Jenkins of Gloucester. Top female 3K walkers include Phylecia Jenkins, Suellen Hooper and Nina Carter – all of Gloucester. Carter is an instructional technology resource teacher for Gloucester schools.

Top 3K walk/run finishers were Sebastian Foster, Jack Gibson, Josiah Autry, Kyleigh Johnson and Reggie Connaughton, all of Gloucester.

Petsworth Elementary School won the \$500 award for the school with the highest percent of participants.

Fun community event

The Educational Foundation event also featured family fun activities before and after the race, including a bounce house, selfie booth, and popcorn machine from Gloucester Grand Rental Station, and sponsor booths hosted by Chesapeake Bank, Chesapeake Investment Group, GibsonSingleton Virginia Injury Attorneys, the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Middle Peninsula, Tidewater Physical Therapy, and Anytime Fitness of Hayes.

Volunteers from the Gloucester High School Junior ROTC and track/cross country teams, the Peninsula Track Club and many others worked tirelessly to staff the event. The Gloucester County Sheriff's Department, Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal, and Xtra 99.1 FM also supported the event with time and resources.

More sponsors than ever

[Chesapeake Bank](#) and [Chesapeake Investment Group](#) were name sponsors. Gold Sponsors were [Chick-fil-A](#), [Cook Foundation](#), [Grand Rental Station of Gloucester](#), [Hogg Funeral Home](#), [Hudson & Associates Architects](#), donor honoring Ann Burruss, [Jostens](#), [Lockwood's Carpets](#), [Riverside Middle Peninsula](#), [Ward Oyster Company](#), and [Waste Management](#).

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Chesapeake Bank's Melissa Crawford said: "At Chesapeake Bank, we know that schools create a more prepared local work force. They contribute to a more vibrant local economy, and they help Gloucester youth realize their dreams. We support these goals." Chesapeake Investment Group's Trudy Quinto added, "We at Chesapeake Investment Group are committed to our community, and we recognize the importance of educating our future leaders. That's why we support our award-winning Gloucester schools."

More information

More information about the Gloucester Educational Foundation is available at tinyurl.com/gcpsedfoundation, or by contacting Carol Dehoux at (804) 693-1425 or cdehoux@gc.k12.va.us.

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Photo Caption 1: Paul Williams, Graeme Hendricks, and Katherine Gibson enjoy after-race festivities at the Gloucester Educational Foundation 3K Walk and 8K Run on Feb. 18 at Gloucester High School. The event raised more than \$21,000 for Gloucester schools and featured family-fun activities for everyone.



Photo Caption 2: More than 320 people of all ages signed up for the Gloucester Educational Foundation 3K Walk and 8K Run on Feb. 18 at Gloucester High School. Maryanne Lee and baby Boston cross the finish line at Gloucester High School, while GHS track Coach John Perrin looks on.

