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## ***Ryan's Run 2005 - A Great Success – Runners, Support, Funding***

### **Local Not-for-Profit holds its second annual 5k run/walk, Mountain Hill School in Middletown, NJ and exceeds goals.**

**June 27, 2005 - Middletown, NJ** - On Saturday June 25, 2005 the Ryan Andrew Kaiser Memorial Foundation- ([www.RAKMF.org](http://www.RAKMF.org)) along with the Jersey Shore Running Club, held its second annual 5k run/walk at the Mountain Hill School in Middletown, New Jersey. The event, a 3.1-mile run/walk, through Middletown's scenic horse country, along with a series of kid's runs drew over 500 people including 5K runners, children and race supporters.

Local participating employers and sponsors of the event include The Mountain Hill School, UBS Financial Services, Sleepy's Bedding, The Running Store, Whole Foods, Gloria Nilson, Matzel & Mumford, Home Base Systems, Bank of America and the New York Stock Exchange had runners participating in the event. "We are overwhelmed with the support and turnout," said Andy and Lauren Kaiser, Trustees for the RAKMF and Ryan's parents. "Our vision is to create a fun, yearly event that brings families and friends together to support the goals of the RAKMF. We would like to thank our race committee, volunteers, runners and all of our sponsors."

Sponsors and donations continue to trend upward year over year as the buzz about this family event grows in the local community and that of runners who participate in this type of challenging event. For a second year, runners from as far away as Florida, Connecticut, Boston and New Hampshire participated. News of the event spread through word-of-mouth, runner communities and the Internet where both [RyansRun.org](http://RyansRun.org) and [RAKMF.org](http://RAKMF.org) have presence under New Jersey running events and Pediatric Heart Disease categories.

Middletown Mayor Tom Hall and our Senator Joe Kyrillos Jr. participated as well as many local businesses. "The race today was outstanding. I loved the little trail run through the woods. I did exactly what you said at the beginning of the race about reflecting as I passed through the woods. It was very inspirational. All volunteers were great and it was well organized," said Lee Maziekien proprietor of Outback Steak House in Middletown. Other participant quotes were equally supportive. "My husband & I had a great run, thought the location & course was terrific". "I want to thank you for putting on a fun, well organized run. The course was great, and it was good to be a part of helping a wonderful cause. I'll look forward to next year's run!"

Winners of Ryan's Run 2005 were Steve Waite 15:51 of Little Silver and Jill Evarts 18:00 from Middletown. This is Ms. Evarts' second consecutive win of the event in the woman's category.

The RAKMF is a 501-c3 charitable organization established in 2003 after the sudden and unexpected death of Ryan Kaiser. Ryan, the 6-year-old son of Andy and Lauren Kaiser was born with Congenital Heart Disease; Ryan had three open-heart surgeries before he was 2 years old. The last of his operations meant the end of hospital stays for Ryan and his family, and the raised hopes for a bright future. In response to this tragic event, the organization was formed with its primary mission dedicated to helping critically ill children have a bright future.

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**About the RAKMF** Established in 2003, the Ryan Andrew Kaiser Memorial Foundation has three philanthropic goals. The first is to financially assist local families of critically ill children, who may not otherwise be able to afford proper healthcare. The second is to raise and donate funds to hospitals and Doctor Groups that specialize in the cure and care of pediatric heart patients. The last goal of the RAKMF is to build and maintain a children's park, dedicated in Ryan's name by the town of Middletown New Jersey, to provide children and their families with a safe and fun place to play. For more information on the RAKMF or Ryan's Run, please visit [www.RAKMF.org](http://www.RAKMF.org) or contact Andy Kaiser, via phone 888-664-9520 or via email [info@RAKMF.org](mailto:info@RAKMF.org).