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Parks and Recreation Donates to a Cause

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department made a significant local donation to an important cause.

In October, the 15th annual Race to Beat Breast Cancer 5K was held and turned out to be the most well attended race in a decade!

The goal of the race is to provide a health-focused event for the community to enjoy, while raising funds and awareness about breast cancer. The continued partnership with the RMH Foundation enables the Parks and Recreation Department to provide care and assistance to people within the community.

“This year’s event was a huge success and we hope to continue that momentum into next year,” explained Luanne Santangelo, director of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation.

Attendance this year increased by 76 percent, with a total of 591 race participants. The funds generated from this event increased by 188 percent, from the increase in event sponsorships, local business team participation, and individual participation.

At the last Harrisonburg City Council meeting, the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department presented a check to the RMH Foundation in the amount of \$14,301.96.

“We owe this significant contribution and the success of the event to the event sponsors, volunteers, and race participants,” explained Erik Dart, race coordinator for Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation. “We also look forward to making next year’s race an even greater success.”

Next year’s Race to Beat Breast Cancer 5K will be held on October 20, 2018. Additional information and announcements will be made at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/beat-breast-cancer-race.

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Pictured above: Brittany Clem (pictured left) and Erik Dart (pictured right), with Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation, present a check to Janet Wendelken (pictured center), with the RMH Foundation.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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