

Dannheiser Fund for Kids hosts shoe shopping night at Shoe Stop

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Jon Troutman, founder of the Dannheiser Fund for Kids, an area non-profit organization that assists local children with purchasing back-to-school shoes, said that he'd never imagined that he'd have the turnout for shoe shopping that he's seen for this year's program, so much so that the shopping was spread out over two weekends.

And Friday night at Frederica's Shoe Stop wasn't any from the previous weekend as clients from Girls Inc. filed into the store, ready to choose any pair of back-to-school shoes for free to begin the school year.

"We started with six kids ... year one was the year of COVID, so we thought we might not ever get this big," Troutman said.

This big meaning that the organization is set to



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Rachael Ranburger helps her daughter, Everly, 8, try on a pair of Under Armour shoes as her other daughter, Lainey, 10, looks on Friday at Shoe Stop during the Danheiser Fund for Kids shopping for shoes event.

help over 400 kids with purchasing back-to-school shoes for the upcoming school year, a significant jump for the 230 children served last year.

The idea for the organization came to Troutman after witnessing a child without new shoes for back-to-school. His maternal grandparents, the Dannheisers, would assist with purchasing

school shoes for he and his brothers and sister while they were growing up, so as an ode to them, Troutman named the organization for them and made it a goal to help teach and provide school shoes to as many children in the community as possible.

This year, the nonprofit partnered with the Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc.

and Fresh Start for Women, teaching educational classes focused on healthy habits, learning, empathy, the benefits of being active and the power of positivity.

"This is the second year that we did an art class as well. A lot of the kids maybe don't like being active. They don't like the gym time, but we've learned that they still want to participate, so we started an art program. We did that last year and this year. These kids are very, very talented. It's amazing to see how talented they are," said Troutman.

Lilly Hernandez brought her little sister Cassidy Jones, 9, who was searching for a pair of white shoes, out to shop for shoes on Friday night.

"I think this is a great opportunity," Hernandez said. "It lets them experience not just the little bubble that we're able to keep them in at home and

broadens them, and I think this is a really good opportunity."

Teaching the program at both Girls Inc. facilities was new for the organization this year.

But Troutman said he's known Courtney Kendall and Girls Inc.'s Executive Director Tish Correa Osborne from previous ties in the community.

"This year we were able to raise enough money to where we were able to gain a new partner," Troutman said. "And we've always talked about Girls Inc. because I've known Courtney for years when I used to work at the Boys & Girls Club, and Tish, of course. They really care about their kids, and they really do a good job. The kids are respectful, and they want to learn, and they want to have a program like this."

He continued, "And some of these families are really in need of some-

thing like this. So, we show up. We teach a class. They're respectful. They get a snack. They get to learn, and at the end, they get the reward."

Troutman gave a special shoutout to a few corporate sponsors, Southern Star and CRS OneSource, along with Shoe Stop because "without them, this wouldn't be possible."

"Anybody who's given to us in the past and the future, we just want you to know that it makes a big difference. Whether it's one kid we help or 500 kids, every single kid is important, and every kid has a need, and we like to try to meet that need with your help," he said.

More information about the Dannheiser Fund for Kids, including ways to donate to the campaign, can be found on the organization's website, dhfundforkids.com.

Participants get down and dirty for MentorKids Rugged Race

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Ryan Tindall completed his first MentorKids Rugged Race Saturday, a wild 5K run and obstacle course that had participants tromping through wet ground and mud, flipping over tractor tires, climbing a step-stair wall of straw bales, and even crawling under barbed wire.

For Tindall, the race was a way to both have some fun and meet a personal goal.

"I'm 46 years old, way overweight and I'm trying to lose weight," Tindall said. "Finding the motivation with nothing to do is hard. I saw this on the calendar and put a pin in the calendar and said, 'I've got to get in better shape by that date.'"

Tindall was one of dozens of competitors who went to Diamond Lake Resort Saturday morning to participate in the event, which is a fundraiser for MentorKids Kentucky.

Tindall said he did regular training to prepare for Saturday's event.

"For the last month, I've been doing 3 miles every other day out by my house," Tindall said. The 5K trail was "very tough, but very rewarding," he said.

"It was a blast," Tindall said. "I'll do it again, hopefully next year I'll be in a little better shape. I'm 46 years old with one bad leg. I was told at 28 I'd never walk again ... I had a great doctor come in and got me walking again, so this was kind of a personal goal of mine."

Berly Tillman Sullivan, the organization's executive director, said members of the youth mentorship organization put in a lot of hours prepping the course. "I have been out here all



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MentorKids Kentucky Executive Director Berly Tillman Sullivan gives directions to runners at the starting line Saturday during the annual MentorKids Kentucky Rugged Race at Diamond Lake Resort.



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Eli Ana Svoboda from Winchester, tackles a hay bale obstacle while participating Saturday in the annual MentorKids Kentucky Rugged Race at Diamond Lake Resort.

week, then I came out Thursday morning and stayed Thursday night and last night," Sullivan said. "Yesterday, I helped lug straw from the truck to make these steps."

"And it has been the hottest week," Sullivan said.

The event is special, Sullivan said.

"I love watching the community come together," Sullivan said. "I love providing an opportunity for them to come together. Also, any way we can get our mission out — we just love to come alongside the youth in our community and help them persevere through the trials of life."

Brody Kurz, of Philpot, was running his third Rugged Race Saturday.

"A bunch of friends from high school wanted to do it," Kurz said of his first Rugged Race. "We had all been trying to hang out and I agreed to do this to hang out and get back together."

Kurz said he trained for the event through running and weightlifting, but said the goal was just to get out on the obstacle course.

"I'm here for the fun, so I don't care about the time," Kurz said. "I had a blast."

Keeley Greenlee ran her first event Saturday.

"I'm a runner, so I thought it might be something different to do," Greenlee said. Greenlee



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Runners break out at the starting line for the Wave 6 Race on Saturday while participating in the MentorKids Kentucky Rugged Race at Diamond Lake Resort.



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John Pitonyak from Caneyville, runs through a muddy trench while participating Saturday in the MentorKids Kentucky Rugged Race at Diamond Lake Resort.

didn't have time to do any special preparation for the event.

"I signed up last week," she said. "It was fun. It made me feel kind of tough."

"It was a good time," Greenlee said.

Sullivan said the event is also a place where some participants decide to become MentorKids mentors themselves, and where she sees young adults who went the program when they were kids.

"It's bittersweet," Sulli-

van said of seeing program graduates. "I'm like a proud mother. I tell the legal guardians: Whenever a child comes into the program they become my child, too. It's helping them. It's lowering barriers; we are trying to lower the barriers so they are on an equal playing field."

People interested in getting involved with MentorKids can find more information at mentorkidsky.org, or on the group's social media pages.

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MEDITATION AND PRAYER WHILE RUNNING

Although running requires time away from other responsibilities, Phillips believes the physical and mental benefits allow him to be more present for his family. His runs also provide time for prayer and reflection.

"My running is my meditation time and prayer, which helps my focus, energy and overall health for my family," Phillips said.

Faith has long been central to the Phillips family. Bryson's father, Jeff Phillips, has pastored several churches, while his mother has regularly shared devotionals on social media. Lyle has served as pastor of Legacy Nashville for about 10 years.

Bryson has combined that family foundation with his inter-

est in endurance sports through Pray.Run.Repeat, a faith-based lifestyle brand centered on prayer, running, motivation and consistency. The brand includes an online store with clothing and accessories connected to its message.

One of the phrases featured on Phillips' shirts is "Die Daily."

"It has two meanings, and biblically it essentially just means to die to yourself," Phillips said. "Sacrifice yourself and your mind to do hard things. When you do hard things on purpose, you're prepared. When the hard days actually come, they seem easy."

Phillips hopes Pray.Run.Repeat can eventually sponsor races, including ultradistance events in McLean County. No specific local event has been finalized, but he has discussed bringing the type of endurance challenges he has experienced elsewhere back to his home county.

His next major personal chal-

lenge could connect nearly every part of his story.

Phillips is tentatively planning to run from Owensboro to Nashville sometime in September, when cooler temperatures may make the trip more manageable. His planned destination is Legacy Nashville, where he would attend a church service led by Lyle.

The exact route has not been selected, but the run could cover more than 130 miles. Running from his current home to his brother's church would combine the physical challenge of endurance running with the faith-centered message behind Pray.Run.Repeat.

Phillips currently has only one organized race on his schedule. He plans to return to the Go One More Last Man Standing event in April after covering 92.4 miles there during his previous attempt.

For now, his most consistent

competition continues to be against the calendar. Each day presents another obligation to run at least 2 miles, regardless of how busy, tired or uncomfortable he may be.

That commitment is about more than maintaining a streak. Phillips sees physical health as another way to serve his family and prepare for the life he hopes to share with them in the future.

"Men say, 'I will work and die for my family,'" Phillips said. "But will you get in shape for them? Will you eat right for them? Will you stay in good health for them?"

Phillips has already run thousands of miles, completed ultramarathons and tested himself over distances that most people would never consider attempting. His long-term goal, however, is much simpler.

"I plan to run a race with my grandkids one day," he said.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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CIVIL ACTION
NO. 25-CI-00092

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PLAINTIFF

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GREEN RIVER PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, et al

DEFENDANT

Judgment \$79,808.17

Pursuant to the Judgment of the McLean Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **McLean County Courthouse**, Calhoun, KY, to the highest bidder on **Tuesday the 18th day of August, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 895 Main Street, Calhoun, KY 42327
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All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

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