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“Dash for Bikes and Trikes” Brings Joy to Those in Need this Holiday Season

Costumed runners battle it out in a crazy 10-lap, relay race fundraiser for area children

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 17, 2014) – Contractor employees at the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Site recently combined zany fun with athletic competition to create a race like



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employee Teresa Eddy begins her first lap in the fourth annual “Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes” relay race, which recently raised \$8,500 for the Savannah River Site’s Toys for Tots campaign.

no other. The “Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes” relay race annually raises thousands of dollars for the CSRA Toys for Tots campaign.

According to event founder and SRNS environmental geologist Jeff Ross, this was the fourth Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes race held at the SRS running track. “From year to year, you’ll see teams with their own costume themes ... Trekkies, eggheads, super heroes, elves and ‘tired old men’ for example, all racing each other. We typically have four or five members per team running a total of 10 laps, using a toy as a relay baton,” said Ross. “It’s all for a good cause, having raised \$8,500 over the last several weeks for this unique track meet.”

Duck Dynasty reinvented itself this year as the Fantastic Five, claiming second place, while the SRS security contractor, Centerra Group LLC, took a “shot” at and won the 2014 trophy.

“We’re doing this for the kids. It’s such a good cause,” said Chelsea Maxwell, Centerra

employee and member of the winning team, Santa's Security. "We ended up raising over \$3,000. This event is a lot of fun, and we're very competitive. So combined, it all kind of ties together."

The proceeds from last year's race enabled the purchase of more than 140 bicycles and tricycles. This year, with a field of eight teams, a new fundraising record was set, earning enough in contributions to buy about 150 bikes and trikes.

"I'm so thankful to all those who have contributed time, money and a lot of energy, to make this event a success," added Ross. "This event is just one fundraiser of many that SRNS sponsors to support the Marine's Toys for Tots program, which helps local underprivileged kids."

During this holiday season, many children throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area will be thrilled to find a new bicycle or tricycle next to their Christmas tree, thanks to the caring participants of this very special race.

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