

News from the Savannah River Site

U S D E P A R T M E N T O F E N E R G Y • A I K E N • S C 2 9 8 0 8

Principal Media Contact: DT Townsend
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
803.952.7566
dt-lawrence.townsend@srs.gov

DOE Media Contact: Bill Taylor
803.952.8564
bill.taylor@srs.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Dash for Bikes and Trikes,” Bringing Joy to those in Need this Holiday Season

All part of the SRS Toys for Tots program

AIKEN, S.C. (Nov. 22, 2013) – Employees of the Department of Energy’s primary contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions have combined zany fun with athletic competition to create a race like no other. The “Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes” relay race raises thousands of dollars each year for the Savannah River Site’s annual Toys for Tots campaign.

“This is our third annual Bikes and Trikes race, held at an SRS running track,” said event founder and SRNS environmental geologist Jeff Ross. “From year to year, you’ll see teams with their own costume themes ... Trekkies (Star Trek), Duck Dynasty hunters, misfit toys, eggheads and “tired old men” for example, all racing each other. We typically have four members per team, which use a toy as a relay baton. It’s all for a good cause, and we have a lot of fun with it.”

Apparently, not only for fun, but profitable enough to raise a significant amount of money used to thrill many local children on Christmas day with a new bike or tricycle. “Over 100 underprivileged children had a



The first heat of runners take off, toy batons in hand, during this year’s SRNS “Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes” relay race at SRS. More than \$7,600 was raised and will be contributed to the annual SRS Toys for Tots campaign.

wonderful Christmas last year due to the \$6,000 that was raised through this crazy race. 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 one fundraiser of many that SRNS Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects sponsor to support the Toys for Tots program.

This year the Dash for Bikes, Walk for Trikes race, with a field of ten teams, raised \$7,600, enough to buy about 25 additional bikes and trikes over last year's numbers.

The relay race lasts approximately 30 minutes and consists of two heats of teams rounding the one-fifth mile long track numerous times.

"As much as we're out here for a good time and bragging rights, it's really all about the kids. We want to touch their lives in a meaningful way this Christmas," said Ross.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

Visit us on the web at www.savannahrivernuclearsolutions.com

SRNS- 2013 – 173