

Melanoma Foundation of New England 2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk for Hope Sees Over 600 Participants and Raises \$45,000

Waltham, MA – Melanoma Foundation of New England held their 2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk for Hope this past Sunday, September 20th in Waltham, MA as part of the Race Around Waltham Series.

Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy was there to kick off the race. Free skin checks were offered by the Dana Farber Blum Van and AMP 103.3 acted as MC's for the event.

The event raised \$45,000 to support the mission of MFNE and saw over 600 participants doubling its numbers from the inaugural event last September.

Top winners included Mac Nash for the men and Janine Murray for the women.

The Legendary Bill Rodgers was in attendance and won the race within his age group. "I tried to do my part by racing last year and this year and cheering on the runners and walkers," said Rodgers. "It's so satisfying to see this terrific event grow in energy enthusiasm and numbers!"

Major sponsors this year included Eastern Savings Bank and Wally's Wicked Good Ice Cream along with teams from SkinCare Physicians, Krauss Dermatology, Waltham High School cheerleaders and trail runners, along with dozens of teams participating in honor of melanoma survivors or patients. Team Attijude and Sue's Caboose won for largest team having over 50 participants each

Top fundraisers included Emily Perlmutter, Sue's Caboose and Team Michael Speyer raising over \$20,000 together through personal campaigns.

Attached are images from the event. Captions and more information can be obtained by contacting Meghan Rothschild at MRothschild@mfne.org.