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Local Teen Breaks 2003 Record at Third Annual Habitat 5K!

Quakertown, PA – 27 November – A record field of 157 runners took part in this year's Habitat for Humanity 5K Race organized by the Quakertown Rotary Club, raising nearly \$2,400 for the organization. This year, it was the young people shone for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. Leading the way was 17 year-old Brian Cullen of East Stroudsburg PA who won the race in a course record 16:03. Equally impressive was the performance by Samantha Lieb, a 12 year-old native of Havertown PA. Samantha was the first woman's finisher and 21st overall in a time of 20:43, just 30 seconds short of the woman's course record. Jay Stiles, the 12 year-old son of soon-to-be Habitat homeowner Sherry Stiles, served as the honorary starter.

A number of Habitat staffers took part in the race, with Family Program Director, Stefanie Clark, leading the pack in 37:56. Stefanie's son, Anthony Jr., pushed by his dad, won the Under-One-Year age group in 37:57 with Anthony Sr. just behind in 37:58. Outreach Director, Kelly Hile rounded out the pack in 37:59. This was Kelly's first race since suffering a foot injury in June 2003. Dan O'Connor, community relations manager for Habitat, walked the course in 42:43. Both Dan and Anthony Sr. were recovering from running the Philadelphia Marathon on 21 November.

Race sponsors included Visionetics; Fischers Tuxedo Headquarters; Farm & Home Oil; Hutchinson, Gorman & Freeh PC; Robert G. Moffett, Attorney at Law; John M. Heley, Attorney at Law; Dunlap & Associates; Barmar Travel; Quakertown National Bank; Scheithauer Chevrolet; vanhoe Industries; Diversified Refrigeration; Alpine International; Precision Solutions; Eagle's Peak Water; The Chocolate Factory; Born To Run; The Spinnersotwn Hotel; Sal's Pizza Randa; Giant Supermarket; Boyer's Supermaket; Power Bounce Shoes; Aardvark Sports Shops; Road ID; Runners World and the White Eagle Group.

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing in Bucks County. Habitat brings together people and families in need to build simple, decent, affordable homes. Habitat homes are sold at cost, through no-interest loans held by Habitat.

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Photograph caption (attached):

Bill Tuszynski, Habitat board member and 5K race organizer, will marshal the race in tuxedo, as he did last year.

2004 Habitat for Humanity 5K image attached (.jpg)