



CUTLINE: Sixty-five people participated in the 5K walk/run in Washington C.H. to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, raising more than \$4,000 toward research and a cure.

SSCC Great Strides event raises \$4,000 for Cystic Fibrosis

The weather was perfect for the Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis event held recently at Southern State Community College's Fayette Campus in Washington Court House. Event organizer Chyane Collins said there were approximately 65 participants and the current fundraising total is nearing \$4,200.

Participants had the option of walking or running the 5K route which began at Southern State, went through the Fayette County Fairgrounds and onto Clinton Avenue where participants were able to begin the journey down the bike/walking trail to the Fayette Street intersection, then reversed the route to return to the college.

In addition to those who collected donations prior to the event, area businesses helped make this even more successful. T-shirts, reusable shopping bags, and drawstring backpacks were provided by Atkinson Automotive, CMH Regional Health System, Southern State Community College, Fayette County Memorial Hospital, Parrett Insurance, Pettit's Enterprise, Summer Breeze Tanning, and The Rusty Keg. There were additional promotional items for the participants from Southern State, Pettit's Enterprise, and Dairy Queen. The CF Foundation provided incentives for the more aggressive fundraising individuals (raising \$100 or more).

WCHO Radio provided music throughout the entire event, and Tim Horton's provided doughnuts. The Southern State Respiratory Club offered hamburgers, hot dogs, and other snacks as the participants returned from their walk/run. The club donated their proceeds to the CF Foundation. Miller's Baked Goods donated a portion of proceeds from their fresh-baked goods sold throughout the entire day. Court House Rent-All donated the helium used for inflating the balloons placed at the start/finish location and throughout the route. Additionally, Brian and Kelly Pettit donated Serene Spaces Massage and Day Spa, Summer Breeze Tanning, and The Rusty Keg gifts cards to be raffled during the event.

Jim and Melissa Garland (parents of the late Mark Garland, a CF patient) and various members of the Southern State Respiratory Club assisted Collins in organizing the 2012 Great Strides event. Anyone interested in participating or becoming a member of the planning committee may contact Chyane Collins at 740-333-5115, ext. 5620, or ccollins@sscc.edu.

To learn more about the respiratory care program at Southern State Community College, please visit www.sscc.edu/academics/associate/respiratory-care.shtml.