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## Hundreds Attend Bright Hope's Run For Hungry Children

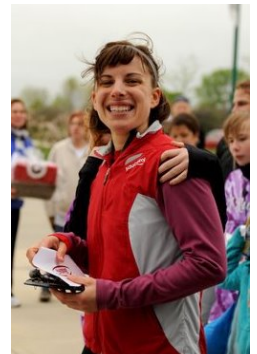
Hoffman Estates, IL: Bright Hope hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For Hungry Children 5K Run / 3K Walk event on May 14th at Cabela's in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Over 400 participants came out early that morning in the chilly, windy, misty rain to run and walk for hungry children in impoverished nations.



A positive and dedicated spirit filled the air at the event. "I am humbled and extremely grateful for all the runners, walkers, and volunteers who gave of their time and money as they joyfully endured the cold, wind, and mist. Their presence and effort was a practical demonstration of care for orphans and vulnerable children around the globe," said Mike Wiersema, Bright Hope's National Race Director.



Runner Jim Mazik (left) of Palatine was awarded Overall Male Winner for finishing the 5K course in 19 minutes and 14 seconds. Runner Sarah Bailey (right) of Elgin was awarded Overall Female Winner with a finishing time of 20 minutes and 58 seconds. Awards were also given for top finishers in multiple age divisions.



\$40,000 was raised from the fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit orphans and vulnerable children living in extreme poverty in Haiti and Kenya. It takes approximately \$30 to feed and educate a child for one month, and many will be given the gift of food and education thanks to the funds raised by the participants.

"The Run reminds us how we need to appreciate our own health. Our family is so blessed to have healthy food on our table daily. To think many might not [have food] is sad, and concerning. The race puts us into action as a community to make a change. Bright Hope tackles tasks we all want to see accomplished in a kinder world, for those who are in need," said Diane Schneider, Cabela's Event Coordinator.

For more information on Bright Hope, The Run For Hungry Children, and how you can help those living on less than \$1 a day across the world, please visit [BrightHope.org](http://BrightHope.org), email at [info@BrightHope.org](mailto:info@BrightHope.org), or call 224.520.6100.

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