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## Hundreds Attend Bright Hope's Run For Hungry Children to Raise Money for Haiti Kids

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL: Bright Hope hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For Hungry Children 5K Run / 3K Walk event for the first time in Michigan on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Bay Pointe Community Church in Traverse City. Over 300 participants came out that day to run, walk, and volunteer for children living on less than \$1 a day in the impoverished nation of Haiti.

A positive and dedicated spirit filled the air at the event. "We were truly blessed to have such amazing volunteers and participants display a huge heart of giving and serving at our event. Through their efforts, we were able to come very close to the goal of fully funding our school feeding program at the Gaspard School in Pignon, Haiti for the coming school year," said Assistant Race Director and Bay Pointe employee, Tonya Jacobs.



Runner Ron Zywicki (*left*) of Traverse City was awarded Overall Male Winner for finishing the 5K course in 16 minutes and 37 seconds.

Runner and Assistant Race Director Tonya Jacobs (*right*) of Traverse City was awarded Overall Female Winner with a finishing time of 22 minutes and 33 seconds. Awards were also given for top finishers in multiple age divisions.



Over \$19,000 were raised from the fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit orphans and vulnerable children living in extreme poverty in Haiti. 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.

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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