

Jingle Bell Jog, "Thank You"

That's right, thank you. Thank you Powell and the surrounding communities for your support of this year's Jingle Bell Jog. This was the third year this event has run and I am very proud to announce that it was the most successful year yet!

This year event was well organized and experienced very few problems. I want to thank my committee members for their hard work and dedication to this program. In addition I want to especially thank Captain Stannard with the Knox County Sheriffs department for the organization that it took to keep our runners safe on the roadways.

A total of 242 runners registered for this year's event. This marks a 200% increase in participation over last year's event. I'm sure the clear skies and the relatively warm 45-degree weather helped out tremendously with the record-breaking turnout. However, I want to personally thank Kristy Altman, director of Girls on the Run, for choosing our race to run her girls in. Without her support and confidence in our program the turnout would have been much less. If you want to find out more about Girls on the Run please visit their website at www.gotrknnoxville.org.

As I have mentioned before all of the money raised goes directly to the Teen Driver Awareness program that the Powell Business and Professional Association, (PBPA), sponsors at Powell High School. This program promotes responsibility and encourages safer driving among high school age students. Our hope is that the students will learn life long lessons through the use of guest speakers, drama presentations, and encouragement prizes.

The Teen Driver Awareness program would not be possible without the numerous community sponsors. I want to specifically thank the platinum level sponsors for their generous contributions to this program. Without community leaders such as Emory Family Practice, Vaughn's Pharmacy, Heritage Pools and Rusty Wallace Honda the PBPA would not be able to provide such a valuable program to our school.

This year the PBPA is celebrating its 25th year of community service and business development in Powell. If you are interested in finding out more about community projects the PBPA sponsors or if you want to network with over 100 other business professionals please contact me at PBPA@comcast.net or call the newly elected president, Kim Sepesi, at 938-3484.

Next week I will be offering some advice when it comes to purchasing technology gifts for your loved one at Christmas. Until then contact me at Computer Depot 947-0749 if you are in need of computer support.