

# Kilbride Family Classic 2009

**Summary: the most successful event in our 14 year history.**

**Children's Run -- 154**

**Runners—368**

**Walkers—379**

**TOTAL PARTICIPANTS--901**

**TEAMS—a total of 20**

**Team Rudy—31, raising \$2940**

**Team Tyler—17, raising \$2225**

**Team Page—8, raising 1,384**

**An estimated crowd of about 1100 was welcomed by Maurice Snell, former national spokesperson for Easter Seals, who is a college graduate, currently employed at the Easter Seals School in Chicago as an administrative assistant and has autism.**

**A beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled banner was sung just prior to the Start by a local singer Alyssa Evers**

**The starter for the event is a senior Olympian, Bob North.**

**The streets of the beautiful Riverview Historic District were filled with \_901\_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday, Father's Day, to show their commitment to raising awareness for autism, to show their support for families dealing daily with the challenges of autism and to raise money which will be donated to the Kankakee Valley Chapter of the Autism Society of America and Autism Speaks.**

**Following the 5KRun and 2 Mile Walk, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Children's Run began. Many parents, family members and friends lined the 200 yard path to cheer on the children as they raced to the finish line. All children received a race shirt and wore # 1. After crossing the finish line. All boys and girls received a medal and certificate of participation.**

**Remarks were made by Rebecca Fehlig, the Executive Director of the St. Louis Chapter of Autism Speaks. Rebecca spoke briefly about current research and the importance of collaboration and community. Rebecca's six year old daughter participated in the Children's run.**

**Mike Range, son-in law of Judy and Gerry Kilbride described briefly the ups and downs of raising his son, Scott, who has autism. Scott, our grandson, thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.**

**WE continue to be amazed at the generosity of our community. Money raised by participants reached over \$10,000, our business community donated more than \$5,000 and more is expected.**

**We thank our community for coming together on a beautiful Father's Day morning to raise awareness about autism and to show support for the 1.7 million families who are dealing with a family member who has autism. We believe that together we will find a cure.**

## **OVERALL WINNERS:**

**M overall 1 0:16:13:0 Cody McCullough**

**M overall 2 0:16:46:0 Adam Piaskowy**

**M overall 3 0:17:19:0 Jordan Piaskowy**

**F overall 1 0:20:19.4 Taylor Bennett**

**F overall 2 0:20:44.1 Dawn Allers**

**F overall 3 0:21:16.5 Lynnae Yates**

