

SHERIDAN THINKS PINK



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People line up for the start of the third annual The Link - Partners in Pink breast cancer awareness run/walk on Saturday at Whitney Commons. A total of 720 people took part in the event.

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SHERIDAN — Whitney Commons turned pink Saturday morning for the third annual The Link-Partners in Pink run/walk, with participants sporting fairy wings, tutus, tights, bright pink wigs, pink hair ribbons and a even a full-length pink princess dress.

Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation Director Ada Kirven estimates that the event raised more than \$35,000 for the Welch Cancer Center at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Breast cancer survivor and Sheridan resident Karen Steir celebrated one cancer-free year Saturday in her pink gown, reminding the crowd of the importance of early screening

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just before the race began.

“We were really pleased with the turnout, and the tremendous support from the community in raising awareness for early detection of breast cancer — and all cancers,” Kirven said this morning.

A total of 720 people registered for the event, which offered a 10k run, a 5k run/walk and a 1.5 mile walk. Many registered adults brought children, likely driving the total num-

ber of participants up, Kirven said. One hundred volunteers worked the event Saturday, she said.

“We are overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone that came out and supported the event, and (everyone who) has helped us with the Welch Cancer Center project, which is just an asset for our community,” Kirven said.

Kirven thanked Brooke Wattam and Jennifer Destefano, The Link event co-chairs, and a core group of volunteers that has been working on the event for months.

“They brought a lot of energy, and without them, it just wouldn’t have happened,” Kirven said.

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The top three men and top three women finishers in the 5k and 10k received awards.

Those were:

Women's 5k results

- 1) Chancey Stirling, 22:23
- 2) Jodi M. Damm, 23:42
- 3) Ashley Powell, 24:02

Men's 5k results

- 1) Jason Gillett, 22:48
- 2) Craig Fiskus, 23:11
- 3) Butch Samuelson, 23:18

Women's 10k results

- 1) Molly Mason, 44:58
- 2) Melissa Mowry, 45:21
- 3) Keri McMeans, 46:13

Men's 10k results

- 1) Patrick Geary, 39:04
- 2) Steve Lipetzky, 40:49
- 3) Curt Schwamb, 43:41