United Way 5K A Colorful Blast For Participants



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Aubrey Knop, a student at Greeneville Middle School, and Kelsey Jones, a student at Greeneville High School, are all smiles at the United Way 5K Run and Dye benefit on Saturday.

More Than 100 Runners Turn Out For Event

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A portion of the Holston United Home for Children campus went up in a colorful rainbow of dust on Saturday morning to help raise money for the United Way of Greene County.

More than 100 participants took part in the second annual United Way 5K

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Organizers toss clouds of colorful powder on participants in the United Way 5K Run and Dye on Saturday at the Holston Home cross country course. The event was held as a benefit for the United Way of Greene County.

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More than 100 participants take part in the second annual United Way of Greene County's 5K Run and Dye on Saturday morning. The event was held at Holston United Methodist Home for Children's cross country course.



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Participants warm up for the United Way 5K.

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Run & Dye Color Run, raising nearly $2,000 in the process.

During a color run, participants are doused in colored, non-toxic corn starch dust as they make their way around a designated course.

After a few "water stops," the participants cross the finish line in a vibrant splash of color.

This year's run was held at the cross country course on the Holston Home campus.

"Greene County is very fortunate to have such a super strong United Way here," said Holston Home's president and CEO Bradley Williams.

"Holston Home's mission is to provide hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges," Williams said. "So when we have an opportunity to partner with an organization like United Way to help people get over some humps, we're all about it.

"We have some kids in Greene County who are in some pretty tight spots, and the more people who care and want to get involved to help make their futures better than their pasts is a really good thing," he added.

Greene County United Way executive director Wendy Peay welcomed participants.

"We really appreciate what you do for our community," Peay said.

She thanked Holston Home for allowing the use of the cross country course for event and noted that several Holston Home youth were participating in the event as runners and volunteers.



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These runners were tickled pink — and green — to be part of the 2nd annual United Way 5K Run and Dye Color Run.