

The 28th Annual Sharon Classic, held May 4th is history, and it made history! Participation numbers were the best ever; we have a new women's course record; we had fabulous new performance shirts for preregistered participants; we had one of the most talented fields of runners in a while; and we had the most generous sponsors we could hope for! Let's not forget the best weather in recent memory!

For the first time, the race attracted 2 elite runners who train in New York. We were pleased to welcome Abdelhadi El Mouaziz of Morocco and Askale Merachi of Ethiopia. Their presence at the Sharon Classic lends a certain credibility to our event; it's not only one of the most beautiful 5-mile races in the state, it is also challenging. Our two guests proved the race is also competitive. We managed to blend the family fun atmosphere of our small race with the high level competition of a bigger event.

The Sharon Classic Race Committee worked hard to spread the word about our special event and the efforts paid off. While the main goal is to raise money for the Sharon Day Care, we do take pride in showing off our town - and Sharon showed brilliantly on a perfect May morning!

We are indebted to the Sharon Ambulance Squad and Fire Department, Boy Scout Troop 24, Sharon Audubon, Sunday in the Country Food Drive, the Sharon Woman's Club, Estate Care Property Management, Stephanie Stanton Photography, Coffee 55, the Deckers, Tri Arts, Leslie Eckstein, Handy Boys Enterprise, the Day Care staff, and Sharon Center School 8th graders for volunteering their time and talents to the Classic.

The special features (bounce house, course record bonus, etc.) of the race are made possible by our outstanding sponsors, benefactors, and volunteers. Please visit our website for the full list of sponsors. I urge you to thank them for providing this great opportunity to showcase our town and to support their businesses whenever possible.

Finally, many thanks go to the Sharon Day Care Board of Directors who works tirelessly on this event for months prior to actual Race Day. They are an outstanding group of people with whom to work and collaborate!

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