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## Vanderheiden Organizes Fund-raising Run That Nets More Than \$5,000 For Sandy Hook School Families

ROXBURY – Brian Vanderheiden of Bethel quickly organized a fund-raising run that attracted 120 participants Saturday, Dec. 22, and netted more than \$5,000 for the families of the victims of the shootings at Newtown’s Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Vanderheiden, a regular runner in the Roxbury Road Race Series and the winner of this year’s Roxbury Half Marathon, took donations from the entrants before they ran a 12-mile route from the Everett Hurlburt Community Park in Roxbury to the memorial area in the Sandy Hook section of Newtown.

The money will be donated to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund.

Before departing, he told the runners that, “This is not a day to discuss being pro-gun or anti-gun, but to be pro-run.”

The Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department provided a lead escort for the event and several volunteers drove to Sandy Hook to transport the runners back to the community park in Roxbury.

The Roxbury Road Race Series will start its 37<sup>th</sup> season Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run starting near the community park. There will be no entry fee.

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