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We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Virtual Pear Blossom Run. We were thrilled to find a way to keep the spirit of the Pear Blossom Run alive, provide a fun and safe activity during such a stressful time, and raise some funds for YMCA Emergency Child Care supporting essential workers. Thank you for supporting these efforts!

We had 423 runners in the 5K race and 311 runners in the 10 Mile race from 25 different states (AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, ID, IL, KS, MD, ME, MN, MT, NM, NV, NY, OR, PA, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV) and from 4 other countries (Bosnia, France, Taiwan, Thailand). As far as we are concerned you are all winners! But we did have some fun prize categories and here is the list of winners for each category:

**Fastest Time 10 Mile**

Female: Heather Johnson - 59:42

Male: EJ Holland - 52:51

**Fastest Time 5K**

Female: Carmen Mejia - 18:14

Male: Michael Moriano - 15:23

**Fastest Time 10 Mile Wheelchair**

Corey Hartgrave - 43:26

**Most Elevation Gain 10 Mile**

Neil Olsen - 4,938 feet

**Most Elevation Gain 5K**

Paul and Renee McCann - 1,331 feet

**Most Weight Pushed in a Stroller 10 Mile**

Julie Frederick - 57 pounds

**Most Weight Pushed in a Stroller 5K**

Sara Liles Benedetta - 55 pounds

**Most Years Competed in Pear Blossom Run**

Tim Rose, Kenny White and Leonard Hill – each of them have competed every year for all 44 years of the Pear Blossom Run!

**Furthest Away International**

James Anderson ran the 10 Mile in Thailand

**Furthest Away Domestic**

The Tracy Family (Eric, Wendy, Caroline, and Julia) in Falmouth, Maine - 3,205 miles from Medford. Runners-up from Florida and Alaska.

**Oldest Runner 10 Mile**

Patricia Ferguson - 79 years old

**Oldest Runner 5k**

Lee Wade - 80 years old

**Youngest Runner 10 Mile**

Lilli Bozeman - 10 years old

**Youngest Runner 5K**

Paxton Zimmerman - 7 years old

**Cutest 4 Legged Running Partner**

Kenai who ran the 10 Mile with her owner, Maizy Kesterson

**Best Costume**

Susan Moga dressed up as Yip Yip from Mars

**Special Shout Out**

Trisha Wilcox and Mary Mallory who were in the wheelchair division

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If you are in the area, then goodie bags are still available at the YMCA at 522 West Sixth Street, Medford, Oregon from Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm. If you are a participant from out of the area, and you ordered a t-shirt, we will be mailing your t-shirt. Also, for participants from out of the area, please let us know if you would like us to mail your finisher's medal. If not, we'll donate the cost of postage to our Emergency Child Care fund, which has been serving families that need child care and have essential work duties. Please email [jbeck@rvymca.org](mailto:jbeck@rvymca.org) if you have any questions.

Thank you once again for your support in keeping the spirit of the Pear Blossom Run alive, where everyone's a winner!

Sincerely,  
Pear Run Team



*“Everyone’s A Winner”*