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2025 Hunter Subaru Apple Festival Races Enjoy Record-Breaking Year

[HENDERSONVILLE, NC] – The Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, together with presenting sponsor Hunter Subaru and community partners, is proud to announce a record-breaking year for the 2025 Apple Festival Races, with 654 registered participants lacing up for the event.

This year's races brought together runners and walkers of all ages and abilities, with participants choosing from the 8K, 5K, and the Chick-fil-A Mini Moo Mile. Each 8K and 5K finisher received a commemorative medal, while Mini Moo Mile participants celebrated with a sweet "cookie medal" on the crisp race morning.

Alongside Hunter Subaru and Chick-fil-A, the Chamber is grateful for the support of sponsors Lassonde Pappas, Optimum, Park National Bank, Asheville Regional Airport, proactIV Hydration & Wellness, Pepsi, Lamar Advertising, Greenlight Ink Screen-printing, Billingsley Concepts, First bank and Paul Davis Restoration.

"As one of the oldest known foot races in our county, these races are more than just the competition," said Randy Hunter, Chief People Officer of the Hunter Corporation. "They're a celebration of the health and wellness of our community as a whole and the unique spirit of Henderson County. We're grateful to our sponsors, volunteers and participants who made this year such a success."

A new feature for 2025 was the Health & Wellness Race Hub, where local businesses shared resources to encourage participants to think about health as more than just miles logged. Vendors included Baabal's Ice Cream, Blue Ridge Sports & Medical Massage, Chick-fil-A, Ecusta Market + Café, Foot Rx with Altra Running, Girls on the Run, Hendersonville Family Dental, Hunter Subaru, Kenmure Country Club, Let It Be Flower Truck, Optimum, proactIV Hydration & Wellness, Stepp's Orchards, Storm Physical Therapy, Strong Hand Fitness, and the Hendersonville Family YMCA.

Top finishers were recognized for their outstanding performances:

8K Overall Winners: 1st – Corbin Green (Pennsylvania); 2nd – Kyle Bergemann (Asheville, NC); 3rd – Garrett Murgatroyd (Illinois)

5K Overall Winners: 1st – Lathom Louco (Arden, NC); 2nd – Alexander Reed (Asheville, NC); 3rd – Allan Kelly (Arden, NC)

Special recognition goes to BorgWarner, whose spirited team of 20, known as the BorgWarner Roadrunners, showcased the power of teamwork and community involvement.

As the Chamber and organizers wind down from this year's excitement, we're already looking ahead to a major milestone in 2026: the 50th anniversary of the Apple Festival Races. Plans are underway to make next year's celebration the most memorable yet!

The Henderson County Chamber of Commerce is a 1000+ member business organization representing businesses in Hendersonville, Fletcher, Flat Rock, Laurel Park, Mills River and all of Henderson County. Through its board of directors and committees, the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce advocates for businesses through policy and new business recruitment by providing opportunities to network, learn, and succeed. For more information on joining or becoming involved with the Chamber visit our office at 204 Kanuga Road in downtown Hendersonville; call 828-692-1413; visit the web site www.hendersoncountychamber.org; follow the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce on Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram (hendersoncochamber).

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