



The second annual Rail Trail Rally fundraiser for Special Olympics New Hampshire took place under beautiful fall skies at Proctor Academy's Carr Field on September 26. Photo: Charlie Darling



Jen Braley, manager of Jake's Market and Deli in Andover, plants the Beacon's canvassing reminder in front of Jake's to help kick off the fall fundraising campaign. If you'd like a lawn sign for your front yard, just stop by the Beacon office soon! Photo: Charlie Darling

## Proctor Hosts Second Annual Rail Trail Rally

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On September 26, Proctor Academy hosted the second annual Rail Trail Rally along the Northern Rail Trail to benefit Special Olympics of New Hampshire. The family-friendly event included 5K and 10K runs, 15 and 30 mile rides, a 1-mile unified run, a family walk/ride, and a festival with food, fun, and more!

More than 100 runners and riders gathered at Proctor's Carr Field and embarked on their respective runs and bike rides along the Northern Rail Trail.

Proctor provided volunteers from its students, faculty, and staff to support the Rail Trail Rally. Starting at 7 AM, volunteers from Proctor and from the Andover community gathered on Carr Field to set up for the event, helped with race management, manned water stations and food tents, provided entertainment, and helped clean up following the day's festivities. Proctor's kitchen was opened to prepare and store food, its

maintenance staff helped prepare the event site, and student involvement was critical to making the event a success.

Andover's Nelson Makechnie won the 5K race overall, finishing in just over 18:00 minutes, while Elkins' Chris Bartlett won the 10K race. Congratulations to all the participants, including the 10 Special Olympians who took part in the unified run and is the 15-mile bike ride.

While fundraising totals are still being tallied for this year's event, Proctor was honored to host the Rail Trail Rally and is proud of its ongoing partnership with Special Olympics New Hampshire. Proctor's students have benefitted tremendously from hosting a weekly Young Athletes Program and welcoming Special Olympians to speak with the community each year.

To see pictures from this year's Rail Trail Rally, visit [blogs.proctoracademy.org](http://blogs.proctoracademy.org).



Joe and Sam Poulin (left) of Poulin Property Maintenance volunteered their services through Belletetes' We Build It Forward program to tackle a big excavating job for Suzy Brown (right) in Cilleyville. Suzy's son Jake (next to Suzy) took the day off from his job in Boston to help with the work. Photo: Charlie Darling

## It's Time to Get Your Beacon Lawn Sign!

It's up to all of us to help keep the Beacon going!

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

The Beacon's vitally-important fall canvassing campaign is coming in October. Please help remind everyone in Andover that "It's Up to All of Us to Help Keep the Beacon Going" by putting one of our lawn signs in your front yard. We've only got 50 of them, so please stop by the Beacon office in the basement of

the Town Hall soon to get one.

We'll drive around and pick them all up just before Halloween, so you don't even have to worry about bringing them back.

Please help keep the Beacon going by showing your support with a lawn sign, making your 2015 donation before canvassing starts in October, or helping out as a canvasser. Your support makes a big difference!

Questions? Call Charlie at 735-6099.

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