

Sponsors made hike-bike event possible

Editor,
The Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership and its Rails to Trails Committee want to thank all the sponsors of the Seventh Annual National Trails Day Hike and Bike event on the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails, our own National Recreation Trail.

It was a huge success with approximately 1,000 people taking part in the activities including hiking, biking, exercise stations, challenge walks for prizes, environmental education walk, free picnic and the many displays, including the Creation Station, Nescopeck State Park, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, adjustments by Dr. Degenhart, and The Wellness Center, which provided blood pressure checks, bike maintenance and fitting over 80

free bike helmets to children needing them.

Thanks go to our Gold Sponsor, Hazleton Health and Wellness Center; Silver Sponsors Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, Dial Corp., Quaker Oats of Mountaintop, Hazleton Water Authority, and the Bronze Sponsors Greater Hazleton Association of Realtors, Whitewater Challengers, Alfred Benesch and Company, Humboldt Industrial Supply, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, The Hershey Company, Biros Septic and Drain Cleaning, Cedar Bicycle, Fresh Start Bakery, and McCabe Mortgage Group.

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Special thanks go to Leadership Hazleton for creating an Environmental Educational Center, which was dedicated at the event along with 30 memorial trees planted along the trail. Both Congressman Paul Kanjorski and State Rep. Todd Eachus attended the hike and bike event and offered remarks during the dedications.

We also want to thank the many volunteers who made this event possible.

Sue Nasrani, chairperson.