

Up to 3 Thanks Braveheart Run Organizers and Runners | CPD

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The Braveheart 6th Annual 5/10K Run was held April 16th. The race is organized annually by USU students with the purpose of raising funds for a family with a child in need of medical assistance. The Braveheart race was established in 2011 as a service project by the USU Detachment 860th Cadet Wing to support members of the Cache Valley community. All proceeds help offset the healthcare costs for local families raising children with congenital birth defects and health disorders.

The race gives runners the option of a 5K or a 10K course around the USU campus, as well as a kid's fun run.

A big thank you from the Center for Persons with Disabilities and Up to 3 goes out to the Braveheart organization as well as all the runners who participated.

The Up to 3 program at the CPD wishes to thank USU students who sponsored the 2016 Braveheart 5K/10K. Proceeds were donated to Up to 3 and will be used to support their mission of promoting the development of children, under the age of 3, who have any type of disability or developmental delay. Up to 3 serves children and families living in Cache, Box Elder, and Rich Counties. Services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, hearing and vision consultation and specialized instruction for autistic children.

Race donations were originally designated to support Aadyn Rae Olsen, who was born with Baby Lou Gehrigs disease or type 1 spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). However, before the event, 9-month-old Aadyn passed away. Braveheart organizers planned on donating the race proceeds to Aadyn's family, but her mother, Brittany Rostron asked that the donations be given to Up-to-3, whose staff had worked with Aadyn.

"I would rather whatever money they raise go to someone who could use it now...." Rostron said. "I would rather it help children."