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TONH Congratulates Turkey Trot Winners

North Hempstead, NY—Paying tribute to hundreds of local runners who took to the streets of Port Washington to raise money for charity, Supervisor Jon Kaiman and Councilman Fred Pollack portrayed them as symbols of the real reason for celebrating the Season—spreading the spirit of giving.

A dozen of the 23 winners in the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot were awarded certificates of recognition recently at a ceremony in the Board Room at Town Hall.

“Participating in this event promotes a healthy lifestyle as well as camaraderie among your neighbors,” Supervisor Kaiman told the gathering. “But more importantly, it does something else: help make life better for someone in ways you’ll never know. For that, we want to acknowledge you with this small token of our appreciation.”

The five-mile run drew 2,140 paid participants, an all-time record. Co-sponsored by the Town of North Hempstead, the non-profit Community Chest of Port Washington, Inc. and a number of area small businesses, the event raised more than \$85,000.

Through the proceeds it raised, the race helped improve the lives of needy individuals locally. In some who participated, it also symbolized spirit of accomplishment, a personal challenge.

Lloyd Karmel, for example, wasn’t about to let the fact that he has a prosthetic leg deter him from running the race. It took him three hour but he finished, Karmel said. “It was difficult for me watching practically the entire field run past me but I was determined to finish,” he said.

Supervisor Kaiman praised Karmel’s accomplishment saying, “While we all have limitations, we all have the ability to contribute, to give something back.”

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Caption: Supervisor Jon Kaiman (right) and Councilman Fred Pollack (second from left) congratulate the 2009 Turkey Trot winners at Town Hall.