



DAA's Inaugural Colorado Freedom 5k Fun Run/Walk

On Sunday, June 11th the Denver Achievement Academy hosted its first annual Colorado Freedom 5k fun run/walk. The Great Lawn Park in Lowry and overcast skies provided the perfect setting for the event. Runners and walkers made their way around the GPS computed route and DAA Founder, Simon O'Hanlon, entertained throughout the morning cheering and sporting a patriotic clown ensemble.

Prior to the start of the 5k, participants were treated to coffee by Starbucks and snacks donated by Einstein's Bagels; both establishments are located in the Lowry Town Center. Later that morning, the Denver Fire Department joined the festivities and hosted tours of the fire truck while instructing "would-be fire fighters" on the nuances of holding the fire hose and directing pressurized water jetting from the fire truck.

Stapleton's Menchies elevated the fun dial by providing free samples of yogurt -- their mascot posed for photos with the kids and fun-loving adults. We are grateful to Menchies and all of our in-kind sponsors for helping to make the event a success. So far, we've raised over \$14,000 and we will continue to fundraise for this event throughout the month of June. The following individuals and groups provided key support and made it possible for DAA to consider the inaugural event a success. A huge thank you to:

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