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I write this letter with a heart full of thankfulness to this community for coming together to hold the Tryon Running Club's inaugural half-marathon for the benefit of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry (Outreach).

People come to Outreach for assistance with a myriad of needs. Some need financial help with a power bill in order to keep the lights and heat on during the cold winter months. Others have no way to pay for a much-needed medical test. Many more have empty cupboards and a family to feed.

In all of these cases, we are extremely grateful for the community support that allows us to help those who seek our assistance.

The half-marathon was truly a community-wide effort. The newly formed Tryon Running Club made a decision to dedicate themselves to 'giving back, one step at a time', the sponsors, runners, volunteers and many, many others played a part in making the effort a great success.

For all of those who were involved, in ways great and small, we at Outreach thank you.

Sincerely,

*Carol Newton*

*Executive Director*

*Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry*

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