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TEAM CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER RUNS IN SANDY HOOK 5K

HARTFORD, CT (March 27, 2013) – Over 15,000 runners came out to show their support for Newtown during the Sandy Hook Run for the Families 5K on Saturday, March 23. Among the crowd flooding the Downtown Hartford streets was a team from the Connecticut Convention Center.

The team was made up of 15 Connecticut Convention Center associates, family members, and friends, including one virtual runner in Florida. Although the runners' purpose for participating was to support a great cause, the team had some outstanding performances. Representing the Center was Janel Opeka, who finished first for her age group and seventh for overall female. Steven Clayton, another Connecticut Convention Center associate, made a quick break out of the gate and finished fourth overall.

“We are so proud of our team,” said Michael Costelli, General Manager for the Connecticut Convention Center. “Not only for their individual accomplishments, but for their support of the local community as well.”



Members of Team Connecticut Convention Center before the Sandy Hook Run for the Families 5K.

About the Connecticut Convention Center

The Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford is the state's premier meeting venue and the largest full-service convention facility between New York and Boston. Overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River, it features 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 40,000-square-foot ballroom and 25,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as ample sheltered parking. The facility is served by more than 6,500 local area hotel rooms, including the 22-story Marriott Hartford Downtown, adjacent to the Convention Center. The venue is professionally managed for the State of Connecticut by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group. For more information, please visit www.ctconventions.com.