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First Arpin Strong virtual 5K walk & run raises over \$5,000 for charity

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West Warwick, RI The Arpin Charitable Fund's first Arpin Strong 5K walk & run, held virtually due to the COVID pandemic, has raised \$5,089 for charity.

The Arpin Charitable Fund, also known as Arpin Strong, was formed to help those in need during natural disasters, or when unfortunate circumstances arise, by participating in community-based volunteer projects and fundraising events throughout the year.

The virtual 5K Walk & Run was held 28-31 May. This was the first event held in many months bringing together family and friends in a safe, socially distanced activity. "We know this past year most people did not have as many opportunities to serve, even though human needs were greater than ever.

Although there are still special protocols that need to be followed, we've adapted our events to allow us to continue to come together as a global team to make a difference in the lives of under-resourced populations," said Karen Bannon, vice president of the Arpin Charitable Fund. To date, Arpin Strong has raised over \$485,000 to support 160+ charitable organizations here in the United States and globally. All monies raised from this event will directly support renewable energy and smart farming projects in Haiti, Malawi, and the Philippines.

The virtual race allowed participants to complete the 3.1 miles at a location and pace of their choice over the holiday weekend. One racer, Sean Young, joined the event and ran 24-miles in 24 hours while challenging others to do the same. We are very proud of all our volunteers, sponsors, neighbors, and friends who have helped us achieve our fundraising goal.

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