

## MountainOne sponsors Berkshire Running Foundation's Steel Rail Races

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Pittsfield, MA MountainOne was the lead sponsor of Berkshire Running Center's flagship event. This is MountainOne's third year partnering with Berkshire Running Foundation, a nonprofit agency established to support the running community and promote a healthier lifestyle in Western Massachusetts. The weekend's races included Mo Mile on Saturday, May 18, and the MountainOne Steel Rail Races on Sunday, May 19.

The fun began on Saturday with the Mo Mile, a free event for children ages 12 and under brave enough to take on the half- or full-mile run along the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. All children who participated in the Mo Mile also received a free copy of "How to Climb a Mountain," MountainOne's

new storybook that follows its beloved Spokesgoat as he takes his young audience on a journey emphasizing the importance of being prepared and facing your fears.

"How to Climb a Mountain" is the first in a series of books for children featuring Mo, the MountainOne Spokesgoat. The 24-page illustrated book seeks to promote positive life lessons, literacy, and financial education for MountainOne's youngest customers.

The MountainOne Steel Rail Races continued on May 19 with an 8K, a 13.1 half marathon and a Boston qualifier marathon course, all starting and finishing at the end of the Ashuwilliticook Rail Trail, 850 Crane Ave.

The excitement didn't end at the finish line – runners celebrated at the lively afterparty with music by the Housie Shakers, featuring Noah Cook-Dubin, Colin Ovitsky, Simeon Bittman, and our very own Jonathan Denmark, president & COO of MountainOne Insurance.

"Congratulations to all the runners who participated in this weekend's races," said Jennifer Meehan, VP of community engagement at MountainOne. "Your dedication and passion inspire us all. In particular, a highlight for me was witnessing the enthusiasm and energy of the young participants of Mo's Mile, who embody the spirit of our community's future."

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