

# Coventry HS honored by CVS 5k race

## One of ten schools randomly chosen to receive grant

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PROVIDENCE — Coventry High School was one of ten schools randomly chosen to receive a grant from the CVS Caremark Downtown 5K during their awards dinner last week.

More than 150 people, including track and field coaches, student runners and representatives of non-profit organizations attended the event in

honor of the annual race.

The CVS Caremark Downtown 5K celebrated its 23rd year as a popular road race in Providence. The Downtown 5k is recognized as a non-profit organization that promotes health and fitness.

During their dinner, they used the \$63,500 raised from the race to award numerous grants to nearly 50 youth focused non-profit organizations and schools.

CVS Caremark became the sponsor of the race in 2000; since then they have raised approximately \$1.4 million.

"We look forward to the CVS Caremark Downtown 5K every year because it attracts participants of all ages and abilities, and offers a lively and vibrant atmosphere for spectators in the heart of downtown Providence," said Eileen Howard Boone,

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Coventry High will receive an upgrade to its fitness facilities for students thanks to a recently won grant.

## Race grants CHS chance to improve students' facilities

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Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications & Community Relations for CVS Caremark.

Many of the schools and organizations awarded grants assisted with the downtown race. Others, like Coventry High School, were recognized for their athleticism.

CVS Caremark promotes health care and highlights the importance of physical activity and exercise in children and teenagers.

CVS Caremark Downtown 5K awarded numerous \$500 grants to schools throughout Rhode Island through a random drawing.

To qualify for the drawing, the elementary, middle and high school teams had to have 25 or more students participate in the 2012 CVS Caremark Youth Races or High School Inspirational 3K. For the fourth year, Tufts Health Plan was the sponsor of the High School Inspirational 3K.

Tufts Health Plan Senior Vice President of

Sales, Marketing & Client Services, Brian Pagliaro said, "Being a part of the CVS Caremark Downtown 5K has proven to be a great fit for our company. It continues to be a thrill to inspire young athletes from around the region to maintain their focus on a healthy lifestyle, and to observe the creativity and spirit that they exhibit through the costume element of the High School Inspirational 3K."

The grant money was earmarked for physical education programs at Coventry High as well as eight other Rhode Island schools.

Coventry High School Principal Michael Hobin was excited to find out about the grant money.

"I would put the money into buying equipment," he said. "We're building a new space; we repurposed a classroom near our training room to do more fitness, dance, tumbling and cardio. Right now we have a weight room that does strengthening but I would invest in equipment for the new room."