

Southie runs for their Boys

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Photo by Nancy Lane

A group of 10 runners were in the field in support of the South Boston Boys & Girls club, led by Club Director Harry Duvall, 45, as well as two staff members, a volunteer, alumni and a parent.

Duvall was particularly thankful to Boston EMS for donating two bibs, while John Hancock chipped in seven and one runner from the club qualified.

"This is the fifth year we've done this," said Duvall, who hails from Needham. "We love it because we need the money, especially at times like this. The money helps us in real time; the donations go right into our budget.

"It's also uplifting for the staff as well because the runners are all different," he added. "They're very interesting people; can-do people and big-hearted. We enjoy it when they come to the club and have dinner with the kids and get a tour."

The support for the runners is predictably strong, given the large, green "South Boston" label that graced the front of the team's running jerseys.

"The whole way you hear, 'Go Southie,' " said Duvall. "We make (the logo) big like this so that people can see and yell the whole way."