



Cora Dickson and William Fielder, each raised \$300. They are congratulated by Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center Secretary Debra Scott (right).



Hilari Rinehart (left) of Brampton Inn raised \$500 for the cause. She is joined by Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center Secretary Debra Scott and President Cora Dickson.

Rock Hall’s Bun Run raises \$6,000 for rescue rabbits

STAFF REPORTS

ROCK HALL — The Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center (ESR-REC) hosted its fifth annual Bun Run on Saturday, April 19, raising both funds and awareness for abandoned pet rabbits. The event, held in Rock Hall for the first time, drew 56 in-person participants and nine virtual registrants, raising approximately \$6,000 to support the nonprofit’s mission.

The 5K walk/run kicked off at 10 a.m. with participants taking a scenic route that included views of the Chesapeake Bay, Swan Creek, and the harbor. Participants could walk or run at their own pace, and medals were awarded to the top finishers in four categories: adult male, adult female, youth male, and youth female. Each category winner received a free entry to the Savage Race obstacle course in Kennedyville.



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Medalists, from left: Cora Dickson, president of Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center; Phoebe Fritz (Chesertown, MD), youth female first place and fifth finisher; Margaret Randolph (Millington, MD), female adult first place and fourth finisher; Jonathan Smith (Berlin, MD), youth male first place and first finisher; Chris Blanchard (Rock Hall, MD), adult male first place and second finisher.

The medalists included:
Youth Female 1st Place:
Phoebe Fritz of Chesertown (5th overall)
Female Adult 1st Place:
Margaret Randolph of

Millington (4th overall)
Youth Male 1st Place: Jonathan Smith of Berlin (1st overall)
Adult Male 1st Place:
Chris Blanchard of Rock

Hall (2nd overall)
Rescue President Cora Dickson, who also participated, thanked the community for their support and shared in welcoming

remarks from Rock Hall Mayor James Cook.
The Bun Run raised awareness about the large number of rabbits abandoned after being purchased on impulse during the Easter holiday. The event is part of the organization’s ongoing efforts to highlight the

importance of long-term commitment and specialized care for rabbits.
The Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, established in 2014, has placed nearly 500 rabbits in new homes, and the Bun Run is an essential fundraising effort for the organization, which spends most of its funds on veterinary expenses, including spaying, neutering, and vaccinations.
This year’s event also featured fundraising competitions. The top fundraising team in the business category was Brampton 1860 of Chestertown, which raised \$500, and the top individual fundraisers, each with \$300, were Cora Dickson and William Fielder.
The Bun Run, initially organized as a virtual event in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic, has continued to grow, with in-person events in Salisbury and now Rock Hall.
More information about the Bun Run and how to support the rescue’s efforts is available at <http://esrrec.org/bun-run>.



At the starting line, runners take off to compete in the annual 5k Bun Run fundraiser.

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