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**William B. Meyer, Inc. Annual Fairfield Holiday Run  
Benefits Fairfield Police Toy Drive  
Bringing Smiles To Children In Area Hospitals**

(Fairfield, CT) Despite the first snow of the season covering the ground, over one hundred runners and walkers of all abilities participated in the seventh annual Holiday Run at the Scandinavian Club on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Presented by William B. Meyer Inc., one of the largest transportation and storage providers in the Northeast, and an agent for United Van Lines, the 5k (3.1 mi) the event benefited the Fairfield Police Toy Drive. All participants brought new, unwrapped toys as part of their entry fee.



Over 500 toys were collected at the run. The toys collected this year will be distributed to the Bridgeport Hospital Pediatric Unit; Bridgeport Hospital Newborn Intensive Care Unit; Yale New Haven Hospital Newborn Intensive Care Unit; Daughter's of Charity - Sister Theresa in Bridgeport and the American Medical Response.

"With the holiday season underway, William B. Meyer, Inc. is pleased to be sponsor the annual Holiday Run to benefit the Fairfield Police Toy Drive. If a child has to be in the hospital during the holidays being thought of by receiving a toy can hopefully put a smile on their face. We hope this run makes a difference for many children in our area. We would like to thank the Fairfield Police Department for allowing us to participate in this event." stated Tom Gillon, President, William B. Meyer, Inc. This is the fourth year in a row that William B. Meyer, Inc. is the presenting sponsor for the event.

"This run gives me the opportunity to make a small difference in someone's life which is very special to me." states Marty Schaivone, race director, "In our busy hectic lives, it is important to take time to show you care. I would like to thank William B. Meyer, Inc. for volunteering to sponsor this Run for the fourth year in a row which makes this event that much more special. Thanks also to the Fairfield Police Department for demonstrating their dedication to this special cause each and every year. "



At the William B. Meyer, Inc. Fairfield Holiday Run, 'Doc' George Whitney, a retired veterinarian from Orange, CT, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and opened up a whole new age category for the race organizers. Dr. Whitney has run in the Fairfield Holiday Run since its inception and only began running when he was 80 years old. A birthday cake complete with 90 candles was presented to Dr. Whitney at the end of the race as the crowd of runners, walkers, family members and well-wishers from near and far sang "Happy Birthday." We believe he is the first in Connecticut history to be awarded a 90+ age group award and honestly, who would argue that.

Tom Gillon, president, William B. Meyer, Inc. congratulates "Doc" George Whitney on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the William B. Meyer, Inc. Fairfield Holiday Run.

For more information about William B. Meyer, Inc., go to [www.williamsbmeyer.com](http://www.williamsbmeyer.com).

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