



## Perris News

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### Fun Run Raises Money for Hungry Seniors

More than 150 bikers, runners and walkers took part in a fund-raiser at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area to help ensure homebound senior citizens receive hot and nutritious meals delivered to their homes.

In the end, the 2nd Annual Family Service Association Fun Run and Bike Race raised more than \$4,000 to feed hungry seniors.

"It was a superb event," said Dave Renno, who works for the Family Service Association and served as point man for the fund-raiser. "It's great when you have a City that wants to help seniors. Many thanks to the City of Perris for helping organize this event. Without them, we could not have done it."

Event organizers lengthened the distance of the competitive bicycle race from 20 to 30 miles and riders from throughout the Inland Area arrived at sunup to tackle the course that stretched around Lake Perris and into City streets.

But that did not prevent City Information Technology Specialist Edgar Trenado from repeating as race champ.

"I just wanted to come out and help support a good cause," Trenado said after the race. "The competition was tough. These guys rode strong. It was a blast. Next year we will do it all again."

Air Force Master Sgt. Carlos Diaz of Perris, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, said he was glad to take part in a good cause.

"We had a lot of fun," he said. "It was a great time."

Anthony Pena, of Riverside, said he was eager to take part in any event designed to help make life a little easier for seniors. FSA representatives say they feed 1,200 seniors, many homebound or with limited mobility, daily in Riverside County.

"I support whatever we can do to support seniors," Pena said. "For many people, the golden years are not very golden."

Event organizers said they are planning a 100-mile bicycle race in 2011, to coincide with the City of Perris centennial.

About 100 walkers took part in the one-mile stroll and about 30 competitors ran a five-kilometer race. City Public Works employee Juan Lemus, an Iraq war veteran, was one of the runners.

"It was a tough race," he said. "But I was glad to do it for such a great cause."

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch praised all the participants. The Mayor said Perris officials worked with representatives of the Southern California Fair along with FSA officials to make the event a success. Participants enjoyed free admission to the fair.

"It's great to see people come out for the opportunity to participate in a good cause," Busch said. "Everybody wins."



Deputy Perris City Manager Darren Madkin and Mayor Daryl Busch attended the annual Fun Run and Bike Race. "Everybody wins," says the Mayor.



Perris Information Technology Support Specialist Edgar Trenado pumps his fist as he crosses the finish line first in the 30-mile competitive race.



Perris Public Works employee Juan Lemus begins his five-kilometer run.