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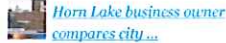
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Mid-South honors teenager

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Runners from around the Mid-South were out in force Saturday for an event called Noah's Gift 5-K run/walk.

The event was a fundraiser with the proceeds going to reward area youngsters with amazing experiences like skydiving lesson, skating lessons and other activities that were dear to 16-year old Noah Costa.

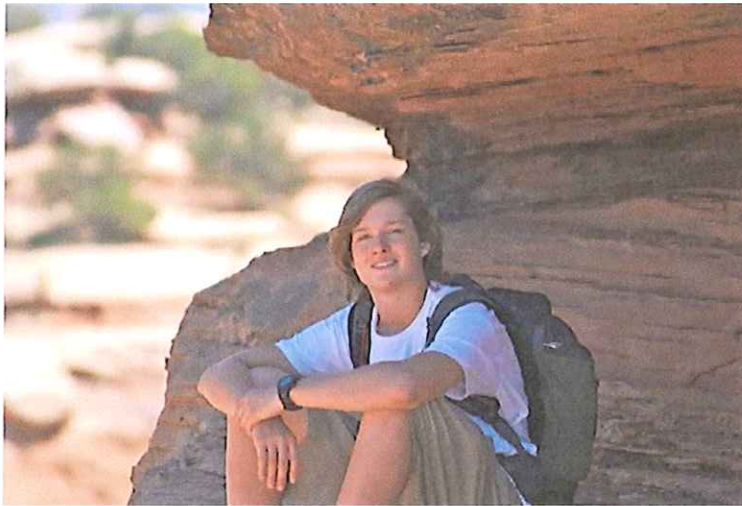
Noah died last year in a tragic shooting accident in Florida. Since then, his family and friends have wanted to honor Noah. The idea of Noah's Gift seeks to do that.

On Saturday morning, October 1, at the Historic Square in Hernando hundreds of people turned out for a day of running/walking and fitness fun. Music and other activities were also part of the celebration. A team of adults and teenage friends of Noah have been posting flyers, making phone calls and using social media to publicize Noah's Gift to young people around the Mid-South.

Many of the people involved knew Noah because he attended school in Shelby County and Desoto County. Noah was a big fan of Riverkings Hockey and played in the Jr. Street Kings youth hockey league. Noah's mom Robin Grandstaff Costa is president of the Riverkings.

Noah's Gift is an endowed fund at the Community Foundation. The mission is to inspire and reward deserving young people with the gift of an extraordinary experience that was of interest to 16-year-old Noah Costa at the time of his death. The goal is to expose deserving youngsters to a wide-ranging and fun that includes playing hockey, traveling, hiking, water sports and skydiving, to name just a few.

To find out more you can contact the Noah's Gift endowed fund at the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi. Just visit [noahsgift5k.weebly.com](#) on the web, liking Noah's Gift on Facebook or following on Twitter, @NoahsGift.



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