



***Hundreds turned out to support a great cause at Sturdy Savings Bank's fourth annual 'Run Wild 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk,' at the Cape May County Park & Zoo on April 27***  
***Photo credit: Second Capital Running***

***Photo 1: Overall Female Finisher Corinne Conley from Egg Harbor Township, NJ, is cheered on by Miss New Jersey 2024 Elizabeth Mendel and Miss Avalon 2024 Mary Grace Jamison***

***Photo 2, 3, and 4: Participants running through the Cape May County Park and Zoo***

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## **Sturdy Savings Bank's Annual 'Run Wild' Race at Cape May County Zoo Welcomes More than 500 Participants**

***Proceeds from the event benefited the Zoo and The Branches Outreach***

***Cape May Court House, NJ – April XX, 2025*** – On April 27, Sturdy Savings Bank hosted its fourth annual 'Run Wild' 5K Run and 1-mile Walk at the Cape May County Park and Zoo.

The Overall Male Finisher was Estevan Barreras from Millville, NJ and the Overall Female Finisher was Corinne Conley from Egg Harbor Township, NJ. Miss New Jersey 2024 Elizabeth Mendel and Miss Avalon 2024 Mary Grace Jamison were also in attendance and assisted with starting the race and handing out awards.

The event drew runners from New Jersey and beyond, with over 500 runners and walkers traversing the scenic course that went around and through the zoo. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Branches Outreach of Rio Grande and the Cape May County Zoological Society.

Dozens of children, ages 3-12, also joined in the event by participating in the Kids Fun Run, held immediately following the Race/Walk event.

"We're so excited to watch this annual event gain popularity and recognition as a successful, family-fun fundraiser. We are further grateful to support and work with the Zoo and this year's benefactor, The Branches Outreach," said Bank President and CEO Greg Matuson.

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**About Sturdy Savings Bank**

*Sturdy Savings Bank specializes in providing personalized banking services to the communities it serves in Cape May and Atlantic Counties. Founded in 1922, Sturdy Savings Bank provides full-service banking and financing solutions to its customers, and supports the community with donations, event participation and support. For more information, visit: <https://www.sturdyonline.com/>.*

**About the Cape May County Zoological Society**

*The Cape May County Zoological Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit NJ corporation, is the official Support Organization of the Cape May County Park & Zoo. Since 1986 the Society has continuously provided the private sector funding needed to develop new exhibits, improve facilities, purchase zoo equipment, and make acquisitions for the animal collection. The Society makes significant contributions to conservation and endeavors to encourage the community's interest and enjoyment of the Zoo. For more information, visit: <https://capemaycountynj.gov/1008/Park-Zoo>.*

**About The Branches Outreach**

*The Branches Outreach is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing social services and programs for vulnerable individuals in Cape May County with dignity and respect. The outreach provides food, personal care, case management, and compassionate support to those in need, in addition to operating the county's Code Blue warming shelter during the winter months.*