

Good morning, Barry, Rebekah,

I wanted to share this email that came from Jim Barretta, one of our retired athletic directors who volunteers with the sports program. This is the value that the Chain of Checks donation is making to the boys at Timber Ridge School. The track meet was at Berkeley Springs High School with eight teams from various public and private schools competing in track and field events. Here is what Jim had to say:

The Titans took as a small team of 9 but that group won the hearts of many coaches and parents from other schools. Their comments were about our students' positive interactions with members of other team members, the effort our students put forth, (never quitting) and the sportsmanship exhibited by each Titan.

One coach from Keyser went to one of the Titans who just threw the discus at a distance improving his previous distance and gave him a fist bump. I later went to the coach and said how much that meant to that student. He said, "I love those kids. I remember them when they came to Keyser to compete."

Seven personal records were set during the meet as listed:

A in the 200-meter sprint,

J in the 400-meter run,

An in the 1600-meter run,

T in the shot-put,

G in the shot-put, and

Ty in the discus throw.

We use initials to reserve the confidentiality of the students. Without the support of the Community Foundation, they wouldn't be able to compete and have a chance to invest in their athletic skills as well as learning sportsmanship.

Yours truly,

Juli

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