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## **Letter: 'Darien Dash' Scavenger Hunt Winners, Sponsors, Volunteers Thanked for Participating**

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To the editor:

So who knows Darien Best??? As winners of the Darien Youth Commission's second Annual Darien Dash, apparently Jim O'Brien, Kiera O'Brien, Whitney Scallon, Sophia Condon & Lindsey Turner do!

The second annual community-wide scavenger hunt included many elements. Some of the expected components were: puzzle solving; geographical planning & mapping; and photography.

Some of the unexpected elements included good, clean competition; intergenerational cooperation; a whole lot of smiles, reflection & fun! The event, which took place on Saturday, March 10 started at the Darien Town Hall and ended with a reception at the Depot Teen Center.

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Second place bragging rights belong to the Barkley family with the Hyatt family claiming third place.

Thanks to the students on the DYC whose vision and hard work culminated with a terrifically fun community event. Thanks to Diane Farrell of Farrell Marketing and Media for her expert guidance in once again promoting the event.

A huge shout-out to the following merchants who participated: Espresso Neat; Darien Diner; Barrett Bookstore; Palmer's; Nielsen's; Mama Carmela's; Louie's Italian Restaurant; Darien Doughnut; Darien Ice Rink; Chocolate Works; Everything's Rosie; Wild Birds Unlimited; The Goose; Bertucci's; Danny's Cycles; Grieb's Pharmacy; Jennifer's Kitchen; Embody Café; Hands on Pottery; Johnny's & Company; Burgers, Shakes & Fries; Driftwood Diner; the Dock Shop; Beadworks; & Uncle's Deli (who ALSO provided gift certificates for each member of the winning team).

And finally, a special thank you to the Depot for again hosting the reception at the end of the event. Was a great opportunity while points were being calculated for participants to compare notes and strategies, share in a "debrief" of sorts and enjoy each other's company.

Be certain to keep our third Annual Darien Dash (March 2019) on your radar. The only way you lose is by NOT participating!

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