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A record number of people laced up their running shoes yesterday for the 5th annual Corri La Vita, Florence's mini-marathon to raise funds and awareness in the fight against breast cancer. An estimated crowd of 12,000 people participated in the race, surpassing last year's total of 10,000.

The event was sponsored by CSPO (Centro Studio Prevenzione Oncologica) and LILT (Lega Italiana per la Lotta contro i Tumori). Following the success of the 2005 marathon, money was raised to open a new Cancer Rehabilitation Center (Centro di Riabilitazione Oncologica).



The center provides assistance and rehabilitation to patients who have undergone breast or intestinal surgery. A portion of race proceeds support FILE (Fondazione Italiana di Leniterapia), providing hospice care and pain therapy.

Organizers at the event Sunday said they expected to surpass the amount of money raised last year to fight cancer. An exact total was not available Monday morning.

Runners and walkers of all ages – including many international students – had the option to participate in either the 6k non-competitive walk or the 12k competitive run.

The race began at 9:30 a.m. at the Piazza Santa Croce, and competitors crossed over the Ponte alle Grazie to begin a challenging course that led them through scenic gardens and historic sites.

Finishers ended the race back at the Piazza Santa Croce, and celebrated the end of the race with a flag-throwing display and musicians.

Participants were given refreshments from race sponsors. Post-run festivities continued well into the afternoon, as spectators waited to hear the top finishers in the competitive run.

The top 3 male finishers in the 12k were: 1. Said Er Rmili, time 35.59; 2. Jerome Ensoque, time 36.59; 3. Massimiliano Santangelo, of l'Atletica Castello, time 37.00. The top 3 female finishers in the 12k were: 1. Sarah Orsi, time 41.29; 2. Emma Iozzelli, of Gruppo Sportivo Lammari, time 42.51; 3. Anna Laura Mugno, of Gruppo Sportivo il Fiorino, time 44.40.

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