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## **LUCK O' THE IRISH KEEPS RUNNERS DRY & HAPPY AT 2025 SAINT FENNESSY 4K**

*Curley, Kari Cizmas Lead the Way as Men's, Women's Champions*

**(HERMANTOWN, MINN.)** --- It'd be a fitting story if it was the luck o' the Irish, but something certainly held the predicted rain and snow away from Hermantown on Saturday morning as hundreds poured across the finish line at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Saint Fennessy 4K.

John Curley and Tiffany Kari Cizmas were the first across the finish line, leading the way for 565 participants who participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day-themed event.

Curley, who has now won the men's race two straight years and three of the past four, finished the race in 12:11 and was just eight seconds off the event record of 12:03 set by Scott Behling in 2015.

Kari Cizmas, meanwhile, won this year's women's race with a time of 15:38 after finishing as the runner-up at the 2021 Saint Fennessy 4K.

The event also featured a 2K run-walk option, which had 29 total participants and was won on the men's side by Jensen Stigsell (15:39) and on the women's side by Jessica Anderson (14:52).

Net proceeds from the event will benefit the Young Athletes Foundation (YAF), which since its inception in 1990 has contributed more than \$1.8 million to the community through a series of grants, scholarships, running shoes, and event programming.

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### ABOUT THE YOUNG ATHLETES FOUNDATION (YAF)

Created in 1990, the Young Athletes Foundation (YAF) works to support the growth and development of youth athletics throughout northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin by assisting community members and local businesses to provide pathways of opportunity for kids to live active and healthy lifestyles.

The YAF offers community support in a variety of ways, including our Grant Program, Running Shoe Program, and UMD Eleanor Rynda Scholarship Fund. The organization also hosts several kids' events throughout the year including Wednesday Night & Saturday Morning at the Races.

The YAF's mission is helped and funded by various road races throughout the year --- the Saint Fennessy 4K, Fitger's 5K, Park Point 5-Miler, Minnesota Mile, and Superior Nightmare 5K.

Since its inception, the YAF has contributed more than \$1.8 million to area nonprofit youth athletic organizations.



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