

Fundraiser makes more than bare minimum

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More than 200 pounds of clothing will be distributed to area residents in need, thanks to a fundraiser that encouraged participants to shed some garments for a good cause.

The Nearly Naked Mile, a one-mile run that covered much of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus, attracted about 150 students, who — in spite of bitterly cold weather — undressed at the starting line outside of Pollock Alumni House, donating the articles of clothing to student organization Circle K and Easter Seals.

Participants finished the run in shorts, T-shirts or other appropriate attire. In addition, 50 spectators donated clothing but decided not to join the race.

Flavio De Luca, a sophomore marketing major and international student from Brazil, said the race was a great way for students to give back to their community.

“The students who gave clothing should be recognized for such a great effort,” De Luca said. “This is an event that strengthens the partnership between campus and the Oshkosh community.”

The Nearly Naked Mile was sponsored by the Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA), a student leadership arm of the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association Board of Directors. All who donated clothing received a free T-shirt and hot chocolate and other refreshments at the Pollock Alumni House following the race.

The three “best dressed” runners also received gift certificates, including one student who completed the race on crutches with a fractured foot.