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More than 1,300 lace up for Thanksgiving charity race in Brighton

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(2011 National MS Society)

From left to right: Ray Ciccolo of the Village Automotive Group; Brielle Chabot of Brighton, the top female finisher; Ryan Place of Cambridge, the top male finisher; and state Representative Kevin Honan of the 17th Suffolk District.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

More than 1,300 runners laced up on Thanksgiving morning for the **14th annual Boston Volvo 5K Road Race** that is expected to have raised \$70,000 to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, organizers said.

The top male finisher was Ryan Place of Cambridge, and the top female finisher was Brielle Chabot of Brighton, race officials said. State Representative Kevin Honan was in attendance to thank race participants and organizers for joining the movement to raise funds for MS.

All moneys raised are donated to the National MS Society, Greater New England Chapter, which helps more than 19,000 people who have multiple sclerosis, and their families in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

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Ray Ciccolo, owner of the Village Automotive Group, kicked off the race at the Volvo dealership, organizers said. The course wound through the streets of Brighton, finishing back at Boston Volvo Village.

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