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County Clare Races for Cancer Research



The city of Limerick, Ireland, is known as the “City of Culture” with its rich heritage and large ethnic population. Located in the country’s mid-west region, it is the third largest city and has proudly hosted the Barringtons Hospital [Great Limerick Run](#) for the past six years. The run is the fastest growing event in Ireland with more than 13,000 participants entered this year. Like its host city, the run includes representation from all athletic capabilities and demographic backgrounds.



Team Beckman Coulter in County Clare, Ireland, prepared for the May 1st national event with a twice per week running program over the two months leading up to the big sporting event. The team of more than 40 associates signed up for walking or running in one of three race categories: the Marathon, Half Marathon and the 6-Mile Run.

This year, Team Beckman Coulter chose to support the [Irish Cancer Society](#), aiding breakthrough cancer research. The Beckman Foundation is generously donating US\$100 to the Irish Cancer Society on behalf of each associate who completed the event. We recognize and thank the entire Clare HR team for initiating the foundation’s support of this cause and its inaugural contribution of more than US\$4,000!

For the second year, notable Irish law firm, Holmes O’Malley Sexton, Solicitors, sponsored a “Fittest Company Challenge” in conjunction with the Great Limerick Run. We are excited to share that Beckman Coulter County Clare is ranked 7th in

the large company category!

The team’s enthusiasm was expressed by Reagent Manufacturing scientist and event runner, **Joe Dillon**: “The starter pistol sounded and we were underway.



Thankfully after last year's down pour the weather held up; only a slight mist at times to cool the brow. The people of Limerick came out in droves to line the streets. From the start to finish they clapped and cheered us on. Some children along the way even supplied us with some treats to keep our sugar levels up. Spurred on by the great support along the route, we all made it across the finish line in one piece. The sense of achievement was high and already the talk has turned to next year's race and improving our times."



Looking forward to 2017, Team Beckman Coulter is prepared to face the challenges of climbing to Top 5 in the fittest company ranks and individuals reaching their personal best.

Piers Devereux, VP Operations and Beckman Coulter Foundation board member, comments about associate and community well-being: "It was wonderful to see so many associates take part in the event which is one of the biggest charity runs in Ireland. Such events give our associates an opportunity to contribute to our community and to the company spirit and to have some great fun at the same time! With the support of the Beckman Foundation, US\$4,000 was donated to the Irish Cancer Society which is a charity that is close to the hearts of many associates in Ireland."

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