

Beach to Bay Generosity by Caller Times Editorial Board June 8, 2010

The organizers of the Corpus Christi Beach to Bay Relay Marathon have lungs, legs and, as we learned last week thanks to running and fitness columnist Denise Malan, big hearts.

Beach to Bay has regular beneficiaries, many of them athletics-related. The event organizer, Corpus Christi Roadrunners, was flush with the financial success of this year's event when race director Doug McBee heard about two separate tragedies that resulted in the deaths of two 3-year-old boys.

"I just thought to myself, why wouldn't we help?" McBee told Malan.

The Roadrunners paid the \$1,800 balance for the funeral of Isaac David De Leon, who was killed in a fire, and donated \$1,500 to Isaac's family. The group also gave \$2,000 to the family of Eli Rodriguez who died after being hit by a truck in a parking lot.

Beach to Bay gives much to this community – a premiere event, inspiration to become fit, recognition of our military on Armed Forces Day. Also, generosity and compassion.