

Westminster Olympics Use Fun to Raise Money for Charity



Avnet employees work hard, but they also play hard, finding a variety of creative ways to make the office a fun place to work. Avnet Technology Solutions' (TS) Westminster, Colo., location is no exception, yet its ability to add a charitable component is exceptional.

Inspired by the Summer Olympics, employees decided to organize a track-and-field day of their own. The First Annual TS Olympics included a five-legged race, football distance throw, basketball free throw, tug of war, egg race and a relay around the building. Forty-five employees joined in the fun, many also donating \$5 or more to benefit There With Care, a nonprofit organization supporting children and families facing critical illnesses.

The cause is of special interest to Westminster because Chuck Scalia, director of marketing, recently battled cancer. The \$375 raised was donated in his honor, and Chuck presented event winners with their medals.

"The idea for the event and donating to There With Care came from employees, particularly Jesse Kallweit," says Kim Price, facilities coordinator. "It started as a morale booster and snowballed from there with vendors donating snacks and drinks, and employees coming out to cheer for the athletes. It was a fun afternoon that we will remember for a long time."