

Oliver Manufacturing Wins MudSport Corporate & Team Challenge

All six members of Oliver Manufacturing's corporate challenge team crossed the finish line together on Saturday, April 25, 2015 to win bragging rights at the 3rd annual MudSport event. This year's course featured new obstacles, taking runners down the arroyo, across the Arkansas River and back to Southeast Health Group's campus between 6th and 7th Streets on Barnes Avenue in La Junta.



the National Guard volunteered to man a shower station at the end of the course for runners to wash off the mud before going home.

“The sun was shining and we had a perfect day for the event,” said Barry Shiohita, Chief Financial Officer for Southeast Health Group. “The Oliver team gets big kudos for their fast team finish. We give a lot of credit to our sponsors and volunteers, who really stepped up this year to provide the resources and manpower we needed.”

The crowd rallied around the first heat designed for preschoolers, called the Micro-mudder. About 20 little tykes splashed in and out of wading pools, hopped hay bales and ran under a rain curtain to earn their medals at the end of the heat.

Emcee Rick Klein started the remaining heats by asking the runners to take a pledge for healthy eating and active living. Members of

The event was sponsored by IMA of Colorado, City of La Junta, La Junta Tribune-Democrat, State Bank of La Junta, and Integrated Community Health Partners (ICHP). All proceeds will go to support a new Wellness Center being built by Southeast Health Group, which will feature workout equipment and hydrotherapy pools, as well as fitness groups and classes.

“I’ve already had sponsors contact me about next year’s event,” said Shiohita. “It’s just a great way for families and our community to spend a Saturday morning together being healthy and active.”