



## **Y runners rack up miles, and a little cash, vs. cancer**

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PEABODY — YMCA members tallied 554 miles on a hot-pink treadmill designated to raise funds during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It definitely drew a lot of attention because it's a pink treadmill," said Heather Thompson, the club's fitness director.

She estimated that about 500 people helped put on the miles for the monthlong fundraiser that ended Saturday. Treadmill manufacturer Cybex International of Medway agreed to donate 10 cents a mile, which ended being \$55.40, to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Thompson said once members realized the machine's purpose, they were sure to choose it first. Even she had a tough time landing the treadmill because of its popularity.

The fitness director said when Cybex offered to make the donation with the purchase of the pink treadmill, she and other YMCA leaders opted in.

"When we heard about it, we wanted to be a part of what they were doing," Thompson said.

It's a modest donation, but Thompson said club members would have been on the treadmill anyway.