



## Rain Fails to 'Dampen' Abilene Jammie Jog

Thirty-one runners participated in the 2015 Abilene Kiwanis Jammie Jog on Saturday, July 18. Under the threat of rain the runners lined up but as the starting gun was fired the rain stopped and the runners were off. The event was held at the Great Life and Fitness Center (country club) golf course. Moms and dads gave the kids a break by pushing them in strollers and then letting them run while many other participants just walked and jogged. Participants included individuals from Illinois and Iowa as well as runners from Great Bend, Junction City, Manhattan and several other Kansas communities, with the majority from Abilene. Everybody had fun and ate famous Kiwanis pancakes at the end of the run. A special thanks to the folks at the Great Life and Fitness golf club for letting us use the facility. A fall 5K run is being planned to be held at the Abilene airport.



### Abilene Supports Big Brothers Big Sisters

Jen Warkentin, Area Director for Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, is shown receiving a \$500 check from Abilene Kiwanis Club Treasurer, Jerry Mason. Warkentin presides over 13 counties in Kansas. The Abilene Kiwanis Club has been a proud supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dickinson County for over 20 years. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dickinson and Clay Counties is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that can change their lives for the better, forever. Volunteers and children are matched in mentoring relationships through several different program options that are flexible to the interests and needs of the match.



### ... And Abilene's Sister City Program

Delegates from Omitama, Japan, visited the Abilene Kiwanis Club on Monday, Aug. 3. Left to right, Hiroaki Suzuki, Jerry Rankin (Abilene) and Atsushi Suzuki received a \$300 donation to apply toward the Sister City program. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Omatama-Abilene relationship.