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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY A SUCCESS

Canton, Ohio - Today marked the annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day, an event sponsored by Stark County Job and Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. This year's walk had a record-breaking turnout, with 2,149 fathers and 2,820 children participating.

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day encourages fathers and other significant caregivers to show support for their child's education by walking or driving them to school. Research shows that children whose fathers are involved in their education perform better in school.

Representatives from the Fatherhood Coalition were on-hand at Stark County schools this morning to greet participants and distribute free gifts, provided by CareSource, Molina Healthcare, and the Fatherhood Coalition.

Thirty-four schools participated this year in the following school districts:

- Alliance City School District: 395 fathers, 458 children
- Canton City School District: 762 fathers, 1040 children
- Massillon City School District: 358 fathers, 466 children
- Plain Local School District: 604 fathers, 821 children
- Beacon Academy: 30 fathers, 35 children

This is the twelfth year that the Fatherhood Coalition has hosted the event. Last year's walk had a turnout of 2,011 fathers and 2,556 children.

The mission of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition is to improve the lives of children by encouraging and enabling fathers to take an active and positive role in their child's life. The organization sponsors activities designed to strengthen families and educate the community. For more information, please call 330-451-8477.

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