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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 was a success, with 2,027 fathers and 2,695 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 were on-hand at participating schools this morning to greet walkers and distribute free gifts, provided by the Fatherhood Coalition and Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio.

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

- Alliance City School District: 293 fathers, 354 children
- Canton City School District: 685 fathers, 952 children
- Massillon City School District: 370 fathers, 473 children
- Plain Local School District: 633 fathers, 828 children
- Beacon Academy: 46 fathers, 88 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 or follow them at <http://Facebook.com/StarkCountyFatherhoodCoalition>.

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