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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 21

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition are pleased to announce that their annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023. This event invites fathers and any other role model to walk or drive their child to school to show support for their education and demonstrate the important role they play in their child's life.

"Spending the morning together, preparing for the day and walking or driving to school, lets your child know that their education is a priority and that you care about their success," said Jerry Coleman, Executive Director of Stark County Job & Family Services. "We look forward to being part of the Fathers Walk every year. It's a fun morning for everyone involved, especially the students."

Representatives will be on-hand to greet fathers and students at participating schools in the Canton City School District, Massillon City School District, Plain Local School District, and Alliance City School District. The event is sponsored by Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio.

"The Fathers Walk is one of the Fatherhood Coalition's most popular activities. Last year, we had a record turnout of nearly 5,000 fathers and students," said Ann Durkin, Deputy Director of Stark County Job & Family Services' Division of Child Support. "The day is truly about spending quality time together. Studies have shown that when a father or significant role model is involved in their child's education, the student performs better in school."

Those who participate in the Fathers Walk are encouraged to share their photos on social media using the tag #StarkFathersWalk. The Fatherhood Coalition will share photos and updates throughout the morning from their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/StarkCountyFatherhoodCoalition.

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 visit StarkJFS.org.

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