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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 18

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 18, 2025. This event invites fathers and other significant role models 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.

"The Fathers Walk has become a tradition we look forward to every year. It brings families together and reminds us how powerful even a short moment of connection can be," said Jerry Coleman, Executive Director of Stark County Job & Family Services. "Being there at the start of the day—whether you're walking or driving—sends a powerful message: you're present, you care, and you're in this journey with them. Those small moments of support can leave a lasting impact."

Representatives will be on-hand to greet fathers and students at participating schools in the Canton, Massillon, Plain, and Alliance school districts. Participants will be presented with a free giveaway. The event is sponsored by Buckeye Health Plan, Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio, and CareSource.

"The Fathers Walk is a perfect chance for dads and role models to connect not only with their children, but also with their schools and communities," said Ann McGill, Deputy Director of Stark County Job & Family Services' Division of Child Support. "It opens the door to stronger relationships—with teachers, with other parents, and most importantly, with their child."

Fathers are invited 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 empower fathers to take a positive role in their child's life, sponsor activities that strengthen families, and educate the community. For more information, please call 330-451-8477 or visit StarkJFS.org.

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