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Dust Off Your Walking Shoes! May 12 Walk-a-Thon Will Benefit Kids

Warm weather has arrived and it's time to pull your summer walking shoes out of the closet for a good cause: the second "Step Up for Kids" walk-a-thon to benefit the Children's Fund and children in need! The Saturday, May 12, walk-a-thon starts at 10:30 a.m. at Lincoln's 27th and Pine Lake Road Super Saver store.

"We're asking the public, teachers and other school employees to walk and to encourage family and friends, businesses, schools and others to join as a community service," said Nancy Fulton, president of the Nebraska State Education Association. "Walkers are asked to seek pledges for the Children's Fund, which benefits children in need."

Those collecting pledges will have their name included in a drawing for the many prizes that will be given away. Walkers collecting \$50 or more will receive a t-shirt.

Founded by NSEA in 1994, the mission of the Fund is simple: to ensure that a child's personal need does not interfere with his or her ability to learn and succeed. Over the years, the Children's Fund has given thousands of Nebraska children in every corner of the state the opportunity to succeed.

"Teachers and education support professionals are on the front line of education. They see children in need every day: children who do not have the eyeglasses they need, children who come to school in February weather in a windbreaker and sandals instead of a coat and boots," said Fulton. "When a child needs new eyeglasses, shoes, a coat, boots or other such basic necessities their family can't afford, the Children's Fund is there to help."

At the request of an NSEA member, assistance is immediate and confidential. NSEA assumes the overhead in the operation; every penny donated is used to help a child.

Walk registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the 27th and Pine Lake Rd. Super Saver. Walkers can turn in their pledge sheets and donations at that time. Walkers will start at Super Saver and head west along Pine Lake Road to Southwest High School, then return to the store. After the walk, participants can enjoy a lunch for a minimal charge. There will also be in-store specials at Super Saver. Drawings for prizes will begin at 11:30 a.m. You must be present to win.

The walk-a-thon is presented by Ameriprise Financial. Other sponsors are Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, Union Bank and Trust Co., First Nebraska Educators Credit Union, Horace Mann and Super Saver. Pledge forms and additional information may be found at <http://www.nsea.org/childrensfund/> or by emailing or calling Sally.Bodtke@nsea.org at (402) 475-7611 or 1-800-742-0047.