

PRESCHOOLERS TAKE A WALK FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

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AUBURN - Students at the Goddard School® put on their sneakers and headed outside to walk around the school building, most in single file, some holding hands, to help raise money to fight Cystic Fibrosis.

By collecting sponsors for a pledge of continuously walking in the morning of Thursday, Aug. 21, the pre-school children were able to raise \$2,239 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

School Director Rebecca Putnam said the student's were inspired to participate in the money drive after learning a classmate, Ryan Miranda, has the disease. Ryan's mother, Jackie, came to the school to talk to the students about cystic fibrosis and how her son deals with it.

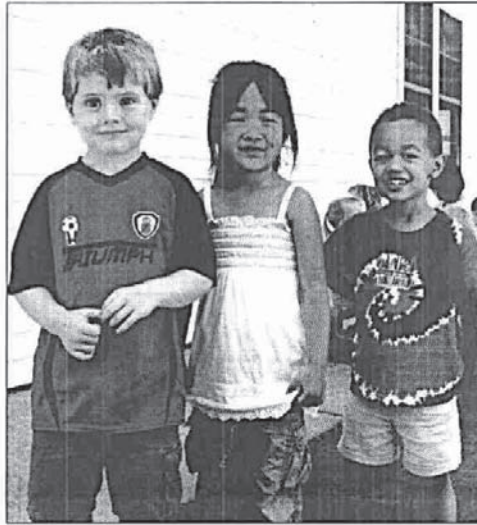
Mrs. Miranda said she was touched when she learned the school wanted to organize a drive in honor of Ryan.

"I think it's great," she said. "The school has been wonderful."

School owner Sheri Flandreau said she was proud of the staff and the students for taking the initiative and putting together the fundraising event.

"The Goddard School takes pride in exhibiting strong leadership skills," she said. "Putnam knows a lot about making a difference in the community as is confident in all she does to care for children with special needs. We are privileged to help."

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Far left, Olyvia Figueroa, 2, and Madison Williams, 2, pause from walking for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to pose for a photo. Left, Jameson Ardis, 4, Tatianiana Cool bough, 4, and Connor Leonard, 3, stop behind the school for a quick picture as they marched around the school to raise money for the fight against cystic fibrosis. Below, Students at the Goddard School walked to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

