



Kids, Teachers Walk for Local Homeless Children

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Some 120 preschoolers, school-aged children, parents, faculty, and administrative staff participated in Garner Learning Center's Walk On event Friday, June 19. The Bay Farm Island School joined more than 1,000 other Bright Horizons employees, parents, and children across the country who are walking through out the summer and fall to raise funds as well as awareness about the plight of homelessness in this country, and in particular the devastating effects on children.

Good Deeds

More than one million children are homeless in America today. Many of these children don't have access to books, games and other materials that are essential for their healthy development and success in school and in life. Through the Bright Horizons walk-a-thon, money is raised to brighten the lives of children in crisis and to support the creation of Bright Spaces — a dedicated play space where homeless children can enjoy the magic of childhood while gaining necessary skills that will help them do well in school and beyond. Today there are more than 200 Bright Spaces opened and the need only continues to grow with the number of homeless children in America.

Children and their families need safe, comforting places to play together, especially in times of distress. Thanks to the generous contributions of the community, Garner was able to exceed its goal of \$600 by raising almost \$2,000. The funds will be used to provide comfort kits for infants, preschoolers, school-aged children, and teenagers in the Bright Spaces open in California.

To learn more about the mission of Walk On, visit www.overonemillion.org or the Foundation Web site at www.brighthorizonsfoundation.org.