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### Children's Employees Raise Nearly \$40,000 at Marcus Autism Walk

On Sunday, May 20, more than 11,000 participants showed up to support autism and walk in the Georgia Walk Now for Autism Speaks event. The weather was crystal clear, perfect for this family-friendly event that partially benefits Marcus Autism Center.

Last year, 420 employees and their friends and family registered for the event. This year, we blew that number away with 559 employees and their friends and family registered. Together, these 559 individuals raised nearly \$40,000 for autism. Thank you for your support!



As a whole, the 11,000 participants raised \$550,000, and half of all proceeds raised directly benefit Marcus Autism Center.

Many people in the community commented on our Marcus Facebook page, telling us why they walked. Read some of the comments below:

*"We walked for my son Jackson. I think numbers gain valuable awareness. What I didn't realize is how much I would learn there! Great tent setups for a lot of therapies and schools. I've done online research, but nothing beats all of those valuable companies in one place! Thanks! We had a lot of fun."*

*"We walked for our son William and for each and every child facing an autism diagnosis! We walked to show our love for our son and our dedication to his recovery!"*

*"Drove 7 hours to join the walk for our Grandson... Team William and for every child with autism!!! To hopefully raise awareness that states MUST pass bills to help so many children and families facing the autism diagnosis. Knowing the dedication and sacrifice my daughter and son-in-law are putting forth and seeing so many enthusiastic families/people at this walk helps me to believe we can all make a difference!!!"*

*"I walked for my son, for the celebration of his accomplishments, for the joy of being with others, and to help with moving research and knowledge forward. The king of pops helped, too!"*

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