

Say Cheese! Participants of the Walk-A-Thon gather around each other for warmth and a chance to discuss the day's activities with their friends, some of whom they just met. The community work brought many people together.



1, 2, 3. Energy is still running high as Senior Shacurlyn Reed does laps around the track while jumping rope. She was at the track before seven o'clock in the morning and did not stop until one o'clock in the afternoon.

Warming Hearts in the Freezing Cold

Huddling together
Health Occupation
Strives to Make a
Difference

Brrrrr..... On December 9, 2000 students, teachers, volunteer workers, and many more arrived at seven in the morning and kicked off the first annual Miracle Mile Walk-A-Thon. The profits, made on pledges and donations, went to Saint Jude's Hospital for Children. Walkers started to tire and to take small breaks after a few laps.

"My goal is to walk around the track one hundred times. I have done fifteen laps so far, and I am going to try my best to walk as many as possible," said sophomore Amber Straub.

Although she did not meet her goal because she had to leave the track early, Amber managed to do twenty-four laps around the track. She hardly stopped for any breaks.

"Amber began walking around the track before everyone else even started. I am glad that the few students and teachers that came here had fun and enjoyed themselves. This is going to a really good cause and I am glad I am part of it," said junior Gene Valbert, treasurer of the Health Occupation Class.

He and his classmates all noticed Amber's enthusiasm in the Walk-A-Thon. It even caught the attention of the Health Occupation teacher, Mrs. Ward. "I hope everyone is that enthusiastic," she stated.

All the participants in the Walk-A-Thon helped to raise money for the great cause of helping others. With the success of this Marathon, there may be a chance that it will become a tradition to help out others in need around the community.

-Rachel Hunt

Q: What made you interested in participating in the event and helping the community?



A: I started learning about community service work, and now I love helping out others in anyway I can. I also encourage others, whether they are students or not, to help out as much as they can, especially for charities that help children.

-senior Rita Manigo