



John A. Coleman School



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ANNUAL "FOR THE CHILDREN" WALK-A-THON RAISES OVER \$45,000

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, the John A. Coleman School hosted its Annual "FOR THE CHILDREN" Walk-a-thon at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. Blessed with wonderful weather over 200 friends, families and children had pictures taken with Snow White, Elmo, Spiderman and Superman. There was face painting of butterflies, lions and tigers and everyone danced and sang along to the music, and most importantly walked "For the Children" raising over \$45,000 for the John A. Coleman School.



Kady F. was excited to have her picture taken with our staff volunteers dressed as Snow White, Spiderman and Superman

Serving as **Honorary Chairperson**, friend, supporter and on-air personality, **Mary DeSilva, of WFAS**, kicked off the event followed by a morning prayer from Sr. Ellen O'Connell, of the Sisters of Charity, and New York State Senator, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, offered welcoming words to families, friends and supporters.



Stuart C. Kaplan, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center Trustee, Theresa A. Macri, Pediatric Center Trustee, New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Adrienne J. Arkontaky, Esq., Event Chair and Coleman School Trustee, and Maureen Tomkiel, Coleman School Executive Director at the 2009 Walk-a-thon.

Adrienne J. Arkontaky, Esq., of Littman Krooks, LLP once again served proudly as the Event Chairperson for the Walk-a-thon. Adrienne's daughter, Jordan, attended the Coleman School 15 years ago. ***"In attempt to get Jordan as much help as possible, we searched for a school that would assist Jordan to develop to her fullest potential and still allow her to enjoy the experience of being a child. We had heard of a place in White Plains where children like Jordan were able to thrive, with a devoted and caring staff committed to working with children with special needs and their families. A dear friend of mine called it 'a place where miracles happen.' That place today is called the John A. Coleman School."***

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The Marapunga Family with daughters Sekai and Mirai pose with teacher assistant Chrissy Lavezzo

Sponsors of the “For the Children” Walk-a-thon included: The Lavine Family Charitable Gift Fund, JK Prosthetics & Orthotics, Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, Littman Krooks, LLP, Priority Healthcare , HOPE for Youth Foundation, Play on Productions, Ltd., Double Image Sounds & Entertainment, Inc., Stew Leonard’s, Safeway Construction Ent., Inc., Hudson Health Plan, Clean Rite Janitorial , Rehabco

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The John A. Coleman School, with campuses in White Plains and Manhattan, provides special education programs and services to children from birth to 21 years of age. The White Plains campus is one of the largest providers of home, community and center based pre-school special education in Westchester County, providing services last year to over 25 school districts in Westchester, Putnam, Bronx and Manhattan. The Manhattan campus serves the residents of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, a 136 bed skilled nursing facility serving medically fragile children. Last year the Coleman School served over 1,600 children and their families.

For additional information about other events to benefit the John A. Coleman School please call, Kirstin McArthur, Associate Director of Development 914.597.4021 or email kirstin.mcarthur@setonpediatric.org.

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