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Partner Highlight: Winner of the iWalk Photo Contest

Thank you to everyone who submitted an iWalk photo. And thanks, too, to all who voted for their favorite [International Walk to School Day picture!](#)

With more than **900 total votes cast** between November 2nd and November 6th, this was a tight race to name South Carolina's winner.

Congratulations to Oakridge Middle School, of Clover, for a fabulous photo capturing your International Walk to School Day event! Oakridge Middle hosts frequent walk AT school days all throughout the school year. The students love celebrating International Walk to School Day because it



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From our State Coordinator:

Now that International Walk to School Day is over, are you looking for ways to keep the momentum in your SRTS program? Consider organizing a "Turkey Trot" walk to or at school event in November and use our [monthly flyers](#) to help spread the word at your school!

November is also American Diabetes Month. For schools who had to cancel their iWalk event in October, hosting a [School Walk for Diabetes](#) will be a good way to educate students about the importance of making healthy choices, being physically active, and

provides them with a fun opportunity to socialize with friends while being physically active and enjoying nice weather! [Click here](#) to see Oakridge's photo on our Facebook page!

Spotlight on a Friend: Nominate an Outstanding Friend!

Do you work with a **community organization** that has played a vital role in developing and supporting local **Safe Routes to School** programs? Is there a group that helped with International Walk to School Day events in your community?

If so, please take a moment to [nominate the organization](#) for our "Outstanding Friend" recognition!

Click here to [read about our current Outstanding Community Friends](#) and to see some examples on how their efforts have supported the SRTS Resource Center.

We're accepting nominations on a rolling basis and will announce the next round of "Outstanding Community Friends" in December 2015!

Learning Opportunity: Webinar: Crossing Guards in South Carolina

Join us on Tuesday, November 17th at 3:30pm as we give a big thank you to South Carolina Crossing Guards and present ways that schools can continue to support the safety and well-being of their guards. We will highlight outstanding crossing guard nominations from schools across the state, submitted as part of South Carolina's Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, and provide a snapshot of how crossing guards are employed and trained in South

preventing diabetes.

Contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance planning one of these events!

Upcoming Event: 2nd Annual SC Safe Routes to School Forum June 9, 2016!

Mark your calendars! The SRTS Resource Center will be holding a statewide forum, tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2016.

Participants will spend the day learning how to support and improve their SRTS program. The day-long event will include topics such as pedestrian and bicycle safety training, funding resources, and starting new or improving mature SRTS programs. This will be an excellent opportunity to share ideas with, and learn from, school champions, school district administrators, SCDOT officials, bicycle and pedestrian and Safe Routes experts, and public safety personnel. Come and network with other schools and groups that are all committed to creating safe, healthy environments for students!

Grant Opportunity: Wal-Mart Local Giving

Is your school focusing on healthy eating programs for students or environmental sustainability that positively affects the local community? If so, please follow this link to learn more about the Walmart Community Grant and apply online:

Carolina. Presenters will review federal requirements for school crossing guards and present best practices in safety equipment and training to help our guards do their jobs safely and effectively. Finally, an Upstate school transportation supervisor will provide an inside perspective on school crossing guard operations and answer questions to help us better support our local champions. [Click here](#) to register.

Resource Center News: SC iWalk Results and Ranking

Way to go South Carolina! This year's International Walk to School Day (iWalk) and Walk to School Month included more schools than ever before! There were more than 340 events registered across the state. Once again, South Carolina ranked in the top three nationally with the most events reported. Each walker, roller, parent, administrator, and teacher who took part in an event contributed to South Carolina's iWalk success.

Click here to [see a list of schools](#) that participated!

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving> . Recipients of the grant can be awarded anywhere from \$250 to \$2,500 to get programs started or to help programs move in the right direction. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2015.

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