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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 **1500 votes** cast between November 3rd and November 7th, this was a tight race to name the state's winner.

Congratulations to North Springs Elementary, of Columbia, for a fabulous photo capturing your International Walk to School Day event! North Springs Elementary parents, Watch DOGS, PTO members, students, and faculty members assembled at the North Springs Park and Rec. As a large group, they walked together to school. North Springs Elementary had 250 individuals participate



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

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, and hosting

in their Walk to School event this year. [Click here](#) to see North Springs Elementary's photo on our Facebook page!

Upcoming Event: SC Safe Routes to School Forum June 18, 2015!

Mark your calendars! The SRTS Resource Center will be holding a statewide forum on June 18th, 2015 at Spring Valley High School in Columbia. 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!

Resource Center News: SC IWalk Results and Rankings

Way to go, South Carolina, for taking part in this year's International Walk to School Day (IWalk!) There were 336 events registered, a 21% increase over last year. We are among the top three states in the country with the most events. 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!

Grant Opportunity: Wal-Mart Local Giving

Is your school focusing on healthy eating programs for students or environmental sustainability? If so,

a [School Walk for Diabetes](#) would be a good way to educate students about the importance of making healthy choices and preventing diabetes.

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

New Resources: Travel Plan Worksheets

To date, the SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center has provided technical assistance to 19 partner schools to develop [SRTS Travel Plans](#). Travel Plans (a.k.a. "Action Plans") include strategies for Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation activities, as well as recommendations for physical changes to sidewalks, roadway crossings and trails leading to the campus.

SC SRTS and its Resource Center has developed a series of eight tip sheets and accompanying worksheets to assist communities in developing a Travel Plan. SRTS Travel Plans are a requirement of our Gold Partner level, and the new tip sheets and activity worksheets will provide schools and communities with

please follow this link to learn more about the Walmart Community Grant and apply online: <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, 2014.**

Spotlight on a Friend: American Diabetes Association

Every November, the [American Diabetes Association](#) (ADA) launches American Diabetes Month. Nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States are living with diabetes. ADA is leading the fight to Stop Diabetes by educating the public on its deadly consequences and how to support those living with the disease. Learn about their nationwide events in support of American Diabetes Month by clicking [here](#).

Here in South Carolina, get ready for the [2015 S.C. Tour De Cure](#) in Columbia, SC on Saturday, May 30th, 2015. In addition, ADA offers an educational school fundraising program to promote healthy living, school spirit, and community involvement. The event is called School Walk for Diabetes, and you can learn more about [School Walk for Diabetes](#) by clicking [here](#).

If you would like to nominate a community organization for our "Outstanding Friend" designation, please complete our [online nomination form](#). We're accepting nominations on a rolling basis and will announce the next round of "Outstanding Community Friends" in December 2014!

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guidance to develop their own SRTS Travel Plan.

[Click here to download the work sheets](#) and make sure to contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) with any questions regarding your SRTS Travel Plan.

Not a Silver Level Partner Yet?

Due to the success of so many schools participating in Walk to School Day events in South Carolina each year, the Resource Center will only be able to provide unique incentives such as the very popular glow in the dark silicone bracelets to **Silver and Gold Level Partners**. As of last year, Bronze Level schools no longer receive these types of incentives, but they will receive other incentives for participating in Walk and Bike to School Day events.

Click [here](#) to see the requirements to become at least a Silver Level Partner! There is still plenty of time to achieve Silver status before the end of the school year. Please contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance.

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