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7th Annual Can Do Walk & 5K Raises \$15,000 w/ 200 participants

Event: The Can Do Walk & 5K was held in Peoria Heights on lovely Grandview Drive on a gorgeous Saturday morning, Sept. 24. Approx. \$15,000 was raised for the Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund; 200 people participated, and the 5K winner was timed in 20:08. Not only were funds raised, but Can Do also identified a few more mentors, which brings the total to nearly 30 mentors who will be spending time monthly with the students at their school, focusing on sharing the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers".

On Line Registration: This year over 80% of the participants registered early, on line at www.cando413.com, which provided no hassles to the participants. And new this year, the \$100 donation for teams of 10 people or more was a hit. It proved to be a good value for participants, and it raised awareness of Can Do with more people. Can Do's mission is simply three words: Hope. Graduate. Succeed.

Overall: The Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund is dedicated to providing \$1,000 scholarships to the 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, fourth grade classes at Peoria, IL's Irving Primary School. The "Can Do Kids" have been challenged to graduate from high school. They will receive the \$1,000 Can Do 4:13 Scholarship once they enroll at an accredited post secondary education institution. Examples of those institutions include a university, college, technical training school, junior or business college, or cosmetology school.

The Can Do Kids now total over 375 students, who are in 6th through 11th grade. Can Do aspires to give these students a "Can Do" attitude and hope, encouraging them to graduate from high school, as well as the ability to truly see that the community cares about them. This hope is expected to increase graduation rates among these students so they become positive, driving forces within their families and truly change the near north side of Peoria.

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