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8th Annual Can Do Walk now exceeds more than \$250,000 total for scholarships

Event: The Can Do Walk & 5K run was held in Peoria Heights on lovely Grandview Drive on a gorgeous Saturday morning, Sept. 11, 2010. Approx. \$12,000 was raised for the Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund, pushing the total of Can Do funds raised to more than \$250,000. Nearly 200 people participated, and the 5K winner, Robert Pitts, was timed in 19:49. Not only were funds raised, but Can Do also identified two more mentors. More than 35 mentors will be mentoring 250 students monthly at eight District 150 schools, focusing on sharing the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers".

Thanks: Special Thanks to CEFCU, our main sponsor; 5 Star Water; Jim McComb for allowing our students to participate in a commercial; Methodist Wellmobile for participating with wellness check-ups; and the Village of Peoria Heights!

Overall: The Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund is dedicated to providing \$1,000 scholarships to the fourth graders who attended Peoria, IL's Irving Primary School during 2002-2008. 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 12th 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. Can Do's mission is simply three words: Hope. Graduate. Succeed.

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