

Every May our school participates in a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for the CPTO. The entire student body and staff walk several miles together around the neighborhood on a prearranged route. This is a fun outdoor activity that we can corporately share in and benefit from. Walking is a physical activity that most can do without difficulty. One of our former students has cerebral palsy, which affected her gait. She never needed any special accommodations, nor did she expect them. She was determined to participate in the Walk-A-Thon just like every other student. I had the blessing of walking with her throughout the event. It wasn't long into the walk when we started falling behind the larger group. The student wanted to keep on walking. Her will to complete the task was strong, and I was so proud to be her encouraging partner. When we finally completed the walk considerably after the student body had returned to school, she and I walked into a gym filled with smiling students and teachers clapping and cheering. What a heartwarming commendation for a student who taught us all the meaning of perseverance.

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