



45th Anniversary Walk-a-Thon

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87-year-old Amelia Wilhelm of Bloomfield Hills is preparing for a two-mile walk on Belle Isle on October 21st to demonstrate her support for the Detroit Waldorf School—the independent school in Detroit’s historic Indian Village neighborhood that she and her husband, Rudolf, founded 45 years ago. Her commitment to walk is a testament to her lifelong dedication to the school that she was instrumental in shaping. She is an inspiration to the students and a beloved matriarch of the school community, serving on the board of trustees from the school’s inception to the present day. The school asks for tax-deductible donations toward Amelia Wilhelm's Walk-a-Thon goal. Secure online donations may be made at <http://www.detroitwaldorf.dojiggy.com/friends>.

The Detroit Waldorf School was the city’s only independent school at the time of its inception and is one of two independent schools in Detroit today. Even as middle-class families fled Detroit for the suburbs, the board and faculty of the Detroit Waldorf School remained steadfast in their commitment to stay in the city. Recently, the school developed a sustainable tuition program to make a Waldorf education accessible to more families in light of the economic challenges our community faces. The 45th Anniversary Detroit Waldorf School Walk-a-Thon will support this sustainable tuition initiative and the Waldorf curriculum, which integrates age-appropriate academics with rich artistic experiences and practical work to awaken in students a lifelong love of learning.

Celebrating its 45th year, the Detroit Waldorf School is part of the international Waldorf School movement, which comprises over 900 schools in 83 countries. Located in Historic Indian Village, just three miles east of downtown Detroit, DWS is housed in a stately historic structure designed by Albert Kahn. DWS offers enrollment in early childhood programs through eighth grade. Its interdisciplinary curriculum emphasizes analytical, creative, and critical thinking, as well as self-discipline, initiative, and reverence for the natural world.

The Detroit Waldorf School is located in Historic Indian Village at 2555 Burns Ave., Detroit, MI 48214. For more information, call 313-822-0800 or visit www.detroitwaldorf.org.