



Bright Beginnings, Inc. to raise awareness of homeless families with young children through Help the Homeless Walkathon

WASHINGTON, DC, (Nov. 20, 2010): Bright Beginnings, Inc., a child and family development center for homeless families with young children, will raise awareness about the needs and challenges facing homeless children and their families through Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Walkathon. A team of Bright Beginnings board members, teachers, staff and parents will walk to raise visibility and funding to help homeless infants, toddlers and preschoolers get ready for kindergarten and provide supportive family services that help their parents secure housing, gain employment or complete their education and get back on their feet. Bright Beginnings is a proud beneficiary of the Help the Homeless walkathon and will be walking for the 150 children we serve each year.

"The Bright Beginnings team will be walking for our families and the homeless children who deserve a good start and a helping hand to succeed. We believe every homeless child should have a bright beginning," says Dr. Betty Jo Gaines, Executive Director at Bright Beginnings.

In the District of Columbia, more than 800 families*, including 1,500 children under 5 years old, were homeless last year. Bright Beginnings helps to address the needs of homeless families with young children with a holistic program that incorporates educational and therapeutic support for young children that prepares them for kindergarten and intensive parent services that stabilize their families.

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