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Elementary School Children Joined Safe Kids Frederick County on International Walk to School Day

FREDERICK, MD – On October 2, 2019, the Safe Kids Frederick County coalition joined coalitions across the country to hold events for International Walk to School Day. The Frederick County events took place in two elementary schools and educated more than 1,400 students on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Urbana Elementary at Sugarloaf and Monocacy Elementary School held events where students learned safe walking and biking tips. Some students received bike helmets and were properly fitted. Posters by students celebrating street safety were displayed. Roger Wilson shared a proclamation about International Walk to School Day by Jan Gardner at the assembly. Dr. Ted. E. Bear, the mascot for Aetna Better Health of Maryland, made an appearance and danced with the children. Local Coalition participants included the Frederick County Health Department, Frederick County Public Schools, Urbana Fire Department, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Frederick Police Department, Aetna Better Health of Maryland, Asian American Center of Frederick, and the County Executive's Office, and local school children.

“Every day, more than 40 children get hit by a car in the United States. On International Walk to School Day, we can show children how to walk and bike safely in their community,” said Jessica Dayal, Safe Kids Frederick County Coordinator.

In 2000, Safe Kids Worldwide and program sponsor FedEx created the Walk This Way Program in the United States to teach safe behaviors to motorists and child pedestrians and create safer, more walkable communities. Safe Kids and FedEx address the issue through research, physical improvements to school zones, and education and awareness campaigns throughout the year.

For more information on pedestrian and bike safety, visit SafeKids.org. To learn more about Safe Kids Frederick County, visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/safekids.

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