

## Walk Home 5K benefit slated for June 10

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The eighth annual Walk Home 5K benefit walk for the homeless will take place at 10 a.m. June 10 at the following three locations: Danvers Rail Trail, Hobart Street Parking Lot, Danvers; Dorchester Park, 2180 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; and Waltham Common, 610 Main St., Waltham. Walk Home is sponsored by RTN Federal Credit Union and RTN GoodWorks Foundation. Funds raised help homeless teens and families.

The following is the impact in the three Walk Home communities of the \$22,039 raised by Walk Home 2017:

- Danvers: 40 children received new winter coats, hats and mittens; 40 children received new beds and bedding; and 11 households were assisted with their transition from homelessness to housing.
- Dorchester: 145 children received new winter coats, hats and mittens; 145 children received new beds and bedding; 305 households were assisted with their transition from homelessness to housing; and 2,500 hygiene products were purchased for teenagers experiencing homelessness attending Boston high schools.
- Waltham: 65 children received with their transition from homelessness to housing.

“Walk Home is our signature fundraising event that brings together members and staff, community residents, business sponsors and local and state dignitaries and elected officials to work towards a common goal of helping homeless teens and families,” said Nicole James, RTN’s senior vice president of retail services. “We are proud that since 2011, Walk Home has raised more than \$160,000 to support this effort and the ongoing work of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.”

“We are continually grateful for RTN’s commitment through Walk Home to helping us make a difference in the lives of families and children experiencing homelessness, and particularly the support for our Bed for Every Child Program,” says Robyn Frost, MCH executive director.