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## **Area High School Students Support March of Dimes**

HOWELL, MICHIGAN — Kensington Woods High School students raised over \$1,000 for the March of Dimes, and this week donated the funds to help the organization. Money was raised as part of the recent March of Dimes Walk America. Twenty-five Kensington students participated in the event held at Kensington Metro Park.

Student organization for Walk America began several weeks before the event after a talk was given at the school by March of Dimes Director Pamala Levin. Levin reviewed the mission of the organization with students—*to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality...March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, and low birthweight.*

“I wanted to participate in Walk America because I was a preemie and almost died,” explained Ashley Morin, KWHS student. “So many people worked to help me survive, and they didn’t even know me. So when I found out that the March of Dimes helps premature babies, I was excited because I saw it as a way that I could give back.”

After the talk, Kensington students set a fundraising goal of \$150. Through gathering pledges, participating in the walk, and working checkpoints, students far exceeded their goal. “I am so impressed and grateful for the Kensington Woods students’ enthusiasm,” expressed Levin “The

students set a \$150 goal and raised over \$1,000. The March of Dimes is fortunate to count each and every student as a hero for premature babies,” she added.

For additional information about the March of Dimes, visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com). For further information about Kensington Woods High School, visit [www.kensingtonwoodshs.com](http://www.kensingtonwoodshs.com), or contact Principal Jim Perry at 517-545-0828 or via email at [info@kensingtonwoodshs.com](mailto:info@kensingtonwoodshs.com). Kensington Woods is located on the campus of Cleary University at 3700 Cleary Drive, Howell, Michigan 48843.

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