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Walking For A Cause

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Families came out in droves Saturday to walk in support of those affected by autism.

"I'm so surprised at the support and feedback we received," said organizer Tracy Pierce Woodall about the Brent Woodall Foundation's Walkabout at Any Brown Jr. Park East in Coppell.

Ms. Woodall founded the organization in honor of her late husband, who died in the world Trade Center attacks in 2001. Funded by donations, the organization offers free services to families with autistic children.

She said she was grateful for the donations of cash and gifts from throughout the community. But most rewarding, she said, "was meeting families who need help. We have so many who live in the area affected by autism. It has become the prevalent childhood disease."

She is already preparing for next year's walk. Visit www.woodallkids.org.



Larry Perna (front) and others participate in the Brent Woodall Foundation's Walkabout in Coppell. The organization offers free services to families with autistic children.

