

Jefferson County Suicide Prevention Walk Raises Nearly \$6K

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CLAYTON — The Jefferson County Suicide Prevention Coalition has announced that the 2025 Suicide Prevention walk raised \$5,900 in support of local suicide prevention initiatives, an increase of \$1,700 from the year prior.

The walk, held on Sept. 14, was meant to bring families, friends, and community members together to raise awareness, reduce stigma and offer hope.

“We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support this year,” Beth Solar, co-chair of the Jefferson County Suicide Prevention Coalition, said in a news release. “The increase in funds raised shows the strength of our community and its dedication to making sure no one feels alone in their struggles and has the resources needed when in a mental health crisis.”

Solar said in order to continue to raise awareness, she has launched the Chalk the Walk campaign. The event ran from Sept. 14 until Sept. 20 and encouraged local businesses, schools, organizations and community members to put inspiring messages on the sidewalks to show support for those struggling with mental health and to remember the lives of those lost to suicide. Over 100 community members attended the walk throughout Clayton.

Planning for next year’s Suicide Prevention Awareness Month events has already started.