



Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Psychologists Raise Funds & Awareness for Suicide Prevention



The Metrolina Association of Psychologists in the Schools (MAPS), made up primarily of school psychologists employed in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, participated in an *Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk* on October 29th. The walk was sponsored by The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and took place in the Romare Bearden Park in Charlotte.

the MAPS team the 7th highest fundraising team in Charlotte. In addition to raising funds for suicide prevention, the event raises awareness. The MAPS team sponsored a table where information about school psychologists and their role was shared with other walk participants.

About 20 psychologists, and their family members, registered for the walk and raised over \$2,000, making

As part of the event, a Memory Wall and reflection area was provided. Two CMS school psychologists who have lost family members to suicide shared pictures on the Memory Wall. All walk participants wore beads indicating whether they had lost a particular family member to suicide, experienced a personal struggle or attempt, and/or were supporters of suicide prevention. These CMS school psychologists found this to be a great way to be a part of a nurturing community, raise needed funds, and raise awareness for this important cause!

