

Walk for Life set for May 3

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A Walk for Life, to raise support and awareness for the Women's Resource Center in North Platte, will be Saturday, May 3, in Ehmen Park.

The two-mile route, around Gothenburg Public Schools and Gothenburg Memorial Hospital and back to Ehmen Park, begins at 9 a.m.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

WRC director Amy Woods pointed out that clients come to the WRC from Brady, Gothenburg and Cozad and other towns.

The walk is one of two annual fundraisers that provide for the financial needs of the WRC that receives no local, state, or government funding, Woods said.

"We're completely dependent on businesses, churches and individuals in our community to supply the annual operating needs," she said.

Woods said the Women's Resource Center assists women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance.

Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, she said women may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.

Free and confidential services include pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, peer counseling, parenting classes, maternity and infant supplies, a learn-and-earn incentive program, referrals for medical adoption and professional services, post-abortion care and education and a 24-hour toll-free hotline.

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Katie Beth Kauffman, who is spearheading the local event, is joined by Bryn McPheeters, Fran Linegar, Niki Salomon, Deb Hecox, Amber Burge, Heidi Bartlett, Shiloh Schultz and Julie Rickertsen in planning and coordinating the local event.

“We’d love for everyone to come out for the Walk for Life,” Kauffman said, noting that activities like jump castles and face painting will be available. “We are hoping that families come out.”

Kauffman said the women have acted as church liasons within their own congregations to get the word out about the WRC and the walk.

First and foremost, she said the event is a fund-raising effort with \$43,000 raised last year through walks in several communities.

This year, the goal is \$50,000 with walks in Gothenburg, North Platte, Stapleton, Dunning, Arnold and Hershey.

Beyond the walk, Kauffman said the event is an amazing tool to spread awareness that the WRC resource exists.

“It gives us a good excuse to talk to folks about it so that someday when a family member or friend is faced with an unplanned pregnancy, they know where to go,” she said.

Those who want to donate to the walk can do so by clicking Walk Information at [www.](http://www.pregnancynorthplatte.com)

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