TOGETHER WE WALK & RUN FOR EDUCATION

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DT Cares 2026

IMPACT REPORT

October 31, 2026 | East Hartford High School

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A COMMUNITY IN MOTION



Event Overview

On October 31, 2026, Together We Walk & Run for Education brought 250 attendees together at East Hartford High School for a day centered on movement, education, wellness, and community connection.

Of those attendees, 166 participated in the 5K run or 1.5-mile walk. Beyond the course, 35 community vendors joined an experience that included youth basketball, yoga, Pilates, an on-site mobile mammography bus, and opportunities for community engagement.

Supported by seven event sponsors, the day demonstrated the power of bringing community members and organizations together around shared opportunities to participate and connect.

By the Numbers

250
Total Event Attendees

166
5K Run & 1.5-Mile Walk Participants

35
Community Vendors

7
Event Sponsors

Year-Over-Year Growth

31 → **166**
2025 Participants → 2026 Participants

5.4× Participation

FROM 31 TO 166 PARTICIPANTS
Run/walk participation grew more than fivefold from 2025 to 2026.







Key Takeaway: Participation grew substantially year over year, alongside a diverse offering of community activities and resources.

MORE THAN A RUN.
A COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

The event created multiple ways for individuals and families to participate, engage, and connect.



MOVE.

Bringing the Community Together Through Movement

The 5K run and 1.5-mile walk brought 166 participants together around a shared commitment to movement and education.



LEARN.

Connecting People With Community Resources

With 35 community vendors participating, the event created opportunities for attendees to discover organizations, programs, and resources within their community.



CONNECT.

Creating Space for Youth Engagement and Recognition

The youth 3v3 basketball tournament encouraged recreation, teamwork, and friendly competition. Three jackets were awarded to the winning team, celebrating their achievement and creating a memorable experience.



THRIVE.

Expanding Opportunities for Community Wellness

Yoga and Pilates offered opportunities for physical activity, while an on-site mobile mammography bus provided access to breast health resources, expanding the event's wellness focus beyond the run and walk.

One community, multiple ways to move, learn, connect, and thrive.

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COMMUNITY



Community Recognition

Events like Together We Walk & Run for Education are made possible through collective participation and community support.

We extend our appreciation to the seven event sponsors, 35 community vendors, volunteers, participants, families, and partners who contributed to the October 31 experience.

Their involvement helped bring education, wellness, youth engagement, and community resources together in one shared setting.

Sponsor Recognition

7 EVENT SPONSORS

EVERSOURCE · WSCC (Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child) · DUNKIN' · Town of East Hartford, Connecticut · Pratt & Whitney Dependable Engines · HDI · American Eagle Financial Credit Union

Beyond the Finish Line

The event's growth reflects expanding participation in a community-centered experience.

For DT Cares, this work connects to a broader commitment to mentorship, education, wellness, and access to opportunities for young people and families.

The opportunity is not simply to bring people together for one day, but to build connections that support continued community engagement.



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