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Forest View fifth-grader is an ambassador for Beat the Bridge



Grace Walsh was diagnosed type 1 diabetes when she was in kindergarten.

"We ran our first <u>Beat the Bridge to Beat Diabetes</u> in 2010," said Grace's mom, Michelle Walsh, who teaches at Gateway Middle School. "Grace had set her goal on being one of the ambassadors. Ambassadors are the poster children for the race and go to corporate meetings at businesses like Nordstrom's, Boeing and such to talk to the workers and inspire them to join or donate to the cause."

Grace has been working as a junior ambassador for the past year, but this year she is one of the three main ambassadors.

"Many staff members from Gateway and students from Forest View join us," continued Walsh. "It will be especially exciting this year now that Grace is an ambassador. Needless to say, she is very excited and we are so proud of her!"

Nordstrom's Beat the Bridge to Beat Diabetes is a fundraiser for <u>JDRF</u> - the leading global organization funding type one diabetes research. The event is called Beat the Bridge because the course travels over Seattle's University Bridge, which is raised during the race. The event will be held on May 15, 2016.

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