



ESPN Chicago's David Kaplan Raises over \$74,000 for Bernie's Book Bank with "Walk as One" Initiative

CHICAGO, IL. (October 2, 2020) – On September 29th, David Kaplan walked 29 miles, raising over \$74,000 for Bernie's Book Bank, an organization that sources, processes, and distributes free, quality children's books to under-served children. Kaplan and Darrin Utynek, Bernie's Book Bank CEO, began walking at 10 a.m. at the Ohio Street Bridge. After 9 hours, the walk concluded in Highland Park, as fans and other ESPN Chicago talent, including his co-host Jonathan Hood and Marc Silverman of Waddle & Silvy congratulated him at the finish line.

"It was amazing to see all of the fans and notable names in the sports industry, including every major league club in Chicago, 'Walk as One' through generous donations, joining the walk and raising awareness for Bernie's Book Bank," said Mike Thomas, ESPN Chicago Market Manager. "Kap and the ESPN Chicago team are dedicated to uniting Chicago with events like these and we are grateful for the support."

Along the way, Kap made a stop at Horace Greeley Elementary School, who has been receiving books from Bernie's Book Bank for years. He talked with Principal Raquel Gonzalez about the impact Bernie's Book Bank has made on the students over the years. He was also joined by Porter Moser, head coach of Loyola Men's Basketball, Pat Fitzgerald, head coach of Northwestern Men's Football, Jon Greenberg, the lead columnist and founding editor at the Athletic, and Pat Mannelly, a Chicago Bears alum.

Since Tuesday, the "Walk as One" initiative continues to receive donations, getting us closer to our fundraising goal of \$87,000. Visit www.walkasonechicago.org to donate and learn more about the organization.

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