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**ALLEGANY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF RAISE MONEY  
FOR MARCH OF DIMES**

**BALTIMORE** – The Allegany County Department of Social Services (DSS) staff have joined other local organizations to raise money for the upcoming March of Dimes March for Babies Walk. Their initial fundraiser was a office bake-goods sale where they sold Caporale's rolls. This bake sale is the first of several fund-raising initiatives leading up to the April 16, 2011 walk at Rocky Gap State Park.

The 10- member-team, the "Allegany DSS Marchers," hopes to raise \$500.



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The March of Dimes is a charity whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt founded the organization in 1938, as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The foundation's initial goal was to defeat the polio epidemic.

The funds raised by the Allegany DSS Marchers will help the organization to: support research, fund programs in the community, provide comfort and information to families with a baby in intensive care, and advocate for newborn screening and health insurance for all pregnant women and children.

This fund-raising activity is a continuation of the social service staff's commitment to the community. This winter they secured and donated over 500 winter coats to families in need. To help the marchers meet their target,

you may contribute on line: <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/t1518964>.

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